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INDIA, SINGAPORE AGREE TO STRENGTHEN COOPERATION

In their first multi-ministerial roundtable, the two countries discussed fintech and investment opportunities

AN OPEN DISCUSSION ON FUTURE OF TIES: EAM

External Affairs Minister S Jaishankar said it was an open and freewheeling discussion on the possibilities and prospects of ties between the two countries in the coming decade. The discussion focussed on ways to enhance cooperation in emerging and futuristic areas. The Indian delegation was led by Finance Minister Nirmala Sitharaman

ENERGY SECURITY AMONG TALKING POINTS

- Singapore foreign minister Vivian Balakrishnan said the two countries discussed ways to improve cooperation in food and energy security, digitisation and skills development
- He said it was agreed to jointly meet the challenges posed by evolving geopolitical developments and supply chain disruptions

3-member

INDIAN DELEGATION ALSO INCLUDED COMMERCE MINISTER PIYUSH GOYAL

CHENNAI ▪ MADURAI ▪ VIJAYAWADA ▪ BENGALURU ▪ KOCHI ▪ HYDERABAD ▪ VISAKHAPATNAM ▪ COIMBATORE ▪ KOZHIKODE ▪ THIRUVANANTHAPURAM ▪ BELAGAVI ▪ BHUBANESWAR ▪ SHIVAMOGGA ▪ MANGALURU ▪ TIRUPATI ▪ TIRUCHY ▪ TIRUNELVELI ▪ SAMBALPUR ▪ HUBBALLI ▪ DHARMAPURI ▪ KOTTAYAM ▪ KANNUR ▪ VILLUPURAM ▪ KOLLAM ▪ TADEPALLIGUDEM ▪ NAGAPATTINAM ▪ THRISSUR ▪ KALABURAGI

Chorus grows for Rahul Gandhi as party president

Rajasthan, Chhattisgarh, Assam, Gujarat, Odisha PCCs adopt resolutions in his support

SHAHID FARIDI @ New Delhi

CONGRESS leaders from across the country have started exerting pressure on Rahul Gandhi to return as party president. The party's state units in Rajasthan, Chhattisgarh, Assam, Odisha and Gujarat have passed resolutions that he be brought back as party chief. Other state units are likely to do an encore.

Rahul had resigned from the post after the party's loss in the 2019 Lok Sabha elections. Ever since, he has fobbed off calls to take back the party's reins and indicated he may not change his mind.

With the process for the Congress president's election scheduled to begin on September 22, all state units had been asked by the party's central leadership to pass a resolution authorising the incoming president to appoint state unit chiefs and AICC members. While adopting it, PCCs have started passing another resolution calling for the return of Rahul as party president.

In Chhattisgarh, the resolution seeking Rahul's return was moved by Chief Minister Bhupesh Baghel and seconded by PCC chief Mohan Markam, state Assembly Speaker Charan Das Mahant, and ministers T S Singh Deo, Shivkumar Dahariya and Premsai Singh Tekam.

"If similar resolutions are passed in other states, then Rahulji should rethink his decision of not returning as Congress president....keeping in view the sentiments of party workers, I think Rahulji will agree (to become party chief)," Baghel said.

Similar resolutions in 2017

Similar resolutions were passed in 2017 before Rahul was elevated as Congress president. But the situation now is completely different

Rahul had recently said "whether I become president of Congress or not will become clear when elections for the president's post take place." His remark was seen as an indication that he might stick to his stance of not taking up the party chief's post.

Senior Congress leader P Chidambaram and Jairam Ramesh, too, have favoured a consensus for the post of AICC chief. The window for filing nomination papers for the post is between September 24 and 30. The last date for withdrawal of nominations is October 8. Elections, if required, will be held on October 17. The results will be out on October 19.

PINARAYI PROPOSES, BOMMAI DISPOSES RAIL & ROAD PROJECTS

EXPRESS NEWS SERVICE @ Bengaluru

CHIEF Minister Basavaraj Bommai here on Sunday turned down various road and rail infrastructure projects proposed by his Kerala counterpart Pinarayi Vijayan, saying the projects would adversely affect ecologically sensitive areas and wildlife sanctuaries on the Karnataka side.

Bommai and Vijayan held a bilateral as decided at the Southern Region Council meeting convened by Union Home Minister Amit Shah in Thiruvananthapuram recently.

"The Kerala government sought our cooperation for its various railway projects, including the Kanhangad-Kaniyoor rail line, and other highway projects. The proposed railway line will have a 40 km route in Kerala and 31 km in Karnataka. But the project will not benefit Karnataka. Besides, it will pass through some of the most ecologically sensitive and biologically diverse areas of the Western Ghats. The Kerala chief minister was clearly told that it was not possible for us to extend cooperation for this project," Bommai told reporters after the meeting.

Chief Minister Basavaraj Bommai welcomes his Kerala counterpart Pinarayi Vijayan in Bengaluru on Sunday

He said Vijayan also brought up the old proposal of Thalassery-Mysore railway line and was again told strictly that it was not possible to give permission as the proposed rail route would pass through Bandipur and Nagarhole National Parks and would cause great damage to the flora and fauna.

Bommai said he flatly rejected a proposal to construct an underground rail tunnel on the route, as that too would damage the environment during the course of the construction.

Bommai said, "The Kerala CM sought permission to increase the number of night buses passing through the Bandipur National Park from two to four. But we said no."

He said Vijayan also told him that the National Highways Authority of India (NHAI) has proposed a new alignment touching National Highway H-73 that will not pass through any eco-sensitive areas. P4

Infra woes may force firms out of B'luru, says India Inc

EXPRESS NEWS SERVICE @ Bengaluru

VARIOUS industry associations in Bengaluru believe that the flooding and recent demolition drive will drive companies out of the city and into other states. A majority of companies are still struggling to recover from the impact of Covid, and the floods have only pushed them further into the red, they said.

Manas Dasgupta, chairperson, IT committee, Bangalore Chamber of Industries and Commerce (BCIC), said the losses incurred by companies because of heavy rain and flooding is very difficult to quantify. The Rs 225 crore loss that was attributed to rain is inaccurate, but it is definitely higher. The notional and reputational loss faced by companies is huge, he said. If the situation persists, companies will definitely consider moving out of the city. P2

Irked by barking, bizman shoots dog

EXPRESS NEWS SERVICE @ Bengaluru

ENRAGED with a dog barking at him persistently, a 45-year-old businessman shot and killed the canine with his air gun at Madagondanahalli in Doddaballapur on Saturday evening. He shot the dog five times, the police said.

The accused, Krishnappa (45), who owns a piggery, is absconding after the dog owner filed a complaint. He was walking around his farm around 4 pm when the dog, Rocky, started barking. An angry Krishnappa went inside the house, brought his air gun out and shot the dog, said the Doddaballapur Rural police.

The dog owner, Ashok, alerted the police. After the postmortem, the police registered an FIR under the Prevention of Cruelty to Animals Act and under IPC Section 429.

EXPRESS READ

Lokayukta police ready to take up probe against Yediyurappa, kin in graft case

BENGALURU: The Lokayukta police in Karnataka are ready to begin investigating corruption allegations against former chief minister B S Yediyurappa and several members of his family. A social activist had filed a complaint against the senior BJP leader and family for their alleged involvement in the case | P4

87th Birthday

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GEN NEXT

New Guruvayoor chief priest is also a YouTuber

EXPRESS NEWS SERVICE @ Thrissur

THE newly-appointed head priest of the Sree Krishna Temple in Guruvayur, Kerala, is the talk of the town. Not only is the 34-year-old **Kiran Anandh** an ayurveda doctor, he is also a popular YouTuber. He manages a YouTube channel with his wife Manasi Mundayakkad.

"I belong to Kakkad Mana, one of the four Othikkan families of Guruvayur temple, and used to take part in major rituals of the temple with my father. I will perform my duties as melsanthi with devotion. The new responsibility will take me one step closer to the lord," said Kiran, who had been working as an ayurveda doctor in Moscow for the past six years.

When his father found it difficult to perform temple rituals due to old age, Kiran returned from Russia and learned how to perform them. P8

Protests in Chandigarh varsity over 'objectionable' video clips

HARPREET BAJWA @ Chandigarh

PROTESTS erupted on the campus of a private university here following claims that objectionable videos of girl students were allegedly recorded and shared on social media by a hosteller. Punjab Chief Minister Bhagwant Mann ordered a high-level probe into the matter on Sunday.

Earlier in the day, the hosteller was arrested after the Punjab Police registered a case. A 23-year-old man, with whom the hosteller had allegedly shared the objectionable videos, was arrested by Himachal Pradesh Police and handed over to Punjab Police in Rohru near Shimla. The man, who belongs to a well-to-do family, is a school dropout and was working at his hometown. His location was tracked through his mobile number. In a late night development, another 31-year-old man was taken into custody by the Punjab Police for questioning.

Protests first broke out on the campus on Saturday midnight after three students living in the girls' hostel approached the warden and claimed that one of the students had been making objectionable videos. They alleged the hosteller had made videos of others while taking bath and shared them with the 23-year-old man in Shimla, who in turn, uploaded them on social media. The Chandigarh University management and the district administration, however, denied claims that videos of several girls were made and shared. Later they said the accused had shared her own video with the man. Contrary to the claims of the protesting students that some of them had tried to commit suicide, the management said a few had panic attacks and were given first-aid.

Students protesting over alleged objectionable videos, at Chandigarh University | PTI

Police fail to pacify students

Protesting students demanded to see a copy of the FIR and refused to accept the management and police's version. SSP Soni tried to pacify them but failed

School submerged, students study in temple

ASHWINI M SRIPAD
@ Channapatna (Ramanagara district)

IT has been three weeks since Ramanagara district was pounded by heavy rain, flooding many areas. But students and teachers of the Government Upgraded Higher Primary School in Thattekere area of Channapatna town still cannot enter their school as four feet of water is standing on the premises, making it inaccessible.

Local authorities have not taken any action to remove water from the school, while the students, left with not other option, are attending classes at a nearby temple.

Thattekere is around 60 km from Bengaluru and 11 km from Ramanagara. The school has more than 60 students from Standards one to eight, five teachers and two staff members, including cooks to prepare mid-day meals. P5

A view of the government school which stands flooded due to the recent rain in Ramanagara | VINOD KUMAR T

ALMANAC TODAY
Monday: 19/09/2022 • Year: Shubhakruta • Ayana: Dakshinayana • Ritu: Varsha • Masa: Bhadrapada • Paksha: Krishna • Tithi: Navami 5.56 pm • Nakshatra: Ardra 6.25 pm • Moon in Kataka Rashi • Rahukaala: 07:30 am to 09:00 am • Gulikakala: 01:30 pm to 03:00 pm • Yamaganda: 10:30 am to 12:00 pm

WEATHER
MIN 20°C | MAX 28°C
FORECAST: Showers late. Overcast

Sunrise 6.08 am | Sunset 6.18 pm | Moonrise 12.26 am | Moonset 1.47 pm

Demolition drive worries NRI property buyers

Expats exercise caution about all aspects to avoid complications

NAMRATA SINDWANI @ Bengaluru

THE demolition drive launched by civic authorities against alleged encroachment and illegal construction, which were blamed for several parts of Bengaluru getting inundated in the recent rain, has made Non-Resident Indian (NRI) property buyers wary about investing in the city.

Several NRIs have raised concerns about buying property in the city. Vinit Toila, from the UAE, said, "The news about the demolition of non-compliant properties in the city is a big worry for us, since we lack direct access to information on the ground."

He added that while one faces hurdles when purchasing property in a different country, there is a need for reliable contacts to ensure that the said property is fully-compliant.

Echoing a similar sentiment, Saurabh Kumar, also from the UAE, opined that the demolition of illegal properties was a cause for concern, and they would be careful about checking the compliance of any property in order to avoid such troubles later.

Saurabh also consulted some people around to check if all the RERA (Real Estate Regulation and Development) approvals were taken for the projects he had invested in.

Alok Priyadarshi, founder of Homely Yours, explained that NRIs were not very keen on investing in properties before Covid-19, but this scenario has since changed. Many NRIs expressed their interest in buying properties in Bengaluru, which has topped the list as India's leading realty hub. Meanwhile, a 150-per cent rise was also witnessed in NRI investments. If NRIs were buying 500 properties in the past, this number rose up to almost 1,500, he said.

He added that the demolition drive is expected to affect the property market. Buyers in general are apprehensive, and NRIs will be more cautious about all aspects to avoid any complications once a piece of property is purchased.

Yearly meetings on how to deal with the situation would have been helpful. But we cannot move to another city, because we can't give up land because of poor governance

Shiva Kumar R, vice-president of Peenya Industries Association

EXPRESS ILLUSTRATION

Industry blames poor planning

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IT will become their natural instinct to look for alternatives if they face similar losses a few years down the line. The quantification of losses might be ten times if the situation does not improve two years later, Dasgupta warned.

Rupa Rani, director, FKCCI, said it is possible that a few companies might consider relocating, especially those working out of rented spaces. But it is difficult to shift their entire business setups, especially those owning properties in the city, she said.

The Outer Ring Road Companies Association too had raised similar concerns, saying if infrastructure issues are not addressed, companies will seek alternative destinations.

But industries in Peenya are willing to fight for better governance rather than move out of the city. "We have suffered losses due to rain, with drainage systems dysfunctional in many parts. The infrastructure is poor, with no planning being done by BBMP or any other authorities. Yearly meetings on how to deal with the situation would have been helpful. But we cannot move to another city, because we can't give up land because of poor governance. Our association is fighting for a better system," said Shiva Kumar R, vice-president of Peenya Industries Association.

EXPRESS READ

Answer to coco peat shortage: Haveri students win business contest

BENGALURU: A group of students from Haveri, looking to address coco peat shortages in agriculture by engineering an alternative, won the 14th edition of Manthan 2022, organised by FKCCI. Of the 625 teams from South India, Crore Cob, from College of Agriculture, Hanumanamatti, won the grand finale. The team comprised students S Shamanth, Harshith S, Parvati S Kudla and Prakasha T A, who proposed to fix the issue of demand of coco peat for use in raising plant saplings, by supplementing it with 'maize cob peat'.

Land acquisition woes hit Nadaprabhu Layout

S LALITHA @ Bengaluru

WHILE the BDA has swiftly acquired nearly 2,800 acres of land for the upcoming Dr Shivaram Karanth Layout, completing the acquisition of 1,300 acres for the Nadaprabhu Kempegowda Layout is dragging on endlessly. This delay is affecting plans to put in place infrastructure for the Layout, said a senior BDA official.

A total of 4,043 acres of land have been notified for acquisition for formation of the NPKL Layout, coming up between Mysuru Road and Magadi Road. "Barring 1,300 acres, we are in the process of implementing the compensation awards for the rest. Litigation brought about by farmers unwilling to part with their land for the layout is the main reason for our inability to acquire them," Deputy Commissioner, Land Acquisition, BDA, A Soujanya told *TNIE*.

Nadaprabhu Kempegowda Layout is yet to see the light of day | EXPRESS

Sharing a break-up, she said 600 acres of land was stuck due to cases filed in the High Court by landowners, who do not want to part with their land. An additional 300 acres are revenue sites (agricultural land converted into non-agricultural, either with or without permission), and so the owner to whom the compensation needs to be paid is a big question mark. A majority of them too have approached the Court.

Of the remaining land, 250 acres are government land, which needs to be transferred to the BDA. "There is no problem here, but the transfer needs to be done by the Revenue Department. A Genuinity Certificate needs to be issued by it. We have written to the Bengaluru Urban Deputy Commissioner to facilitate it," she said, adding that another 150 acres is built-up area and the constructed buildings need to be demolished.

A top official said that the delay in acquisition was having a cascading effect in building roads, drainage system and other infrastructure in the sprawling layout. "Unless steps are taken to expedite the acquisition, how is it possible to set up infrastructure," he asked.

2,000 women 'Run with Saree'

BENGALURU: Higher Education Minister Dr CN Ashwath Narayan flagged off the 'Run with Saree' marathon from Malleswaram on Sunday morning. Speaking on the occasion, the minister said a strong India could be built with good health. Pramod Deshpande, chief coach from the organising committee, Jayanagar Jaguars, said the initiative was in its 5th edition, which has garnered good response, with 2,000 women participating in it. He explained that the vision of the marathon is to promote fitness for all, as many women shy away from physical activities due to the constraints of traditional attire. One of the participants, Chandrasmita Hazarika, said she has been running for a few years now, but there was always a stereotype that workout was best done in active-wear. The idea is to break away from such challenges and inspire participation in such activities, regardless of attire.

Researchers propose new evolution theory

DONNA EVA @ Bengaluru

RESEARCHERS from the National Centre for Biological Sciences (NCBS), Bengaluru, have formed a potential hypothesis for evolution, based on the development of flies.

The study proposes that a new hypothesis can be found from the recent evolution of the US-based apple maggot fly in the 19th century, that could involve the rate of development in the brain as well as chemical changes. The fly, Rhagoletis pomonella, had originally infested native hawthorn fruit in the US. However, following the introduction of apples in the US in the 19th century, the fly evolved into two species over the course of just a century and a half, one that infested regular hawthorn fruits and ones that evolved to infest only apples.

"Factors such as new environment, climate, competition and habitats are known to lead to the formation of different species. However, the changes that individuals undergo during evolution are still an area of study. The fly provided the researchers a unique opportunity to study a system currently forming a new species, than in the distant past," a statement said.

The researchers studied fly species in Bengaluru, where they tried to find if changes in their brains could encourage them to further evolve. They monitored the brains of the developing pupae of the flies, to measure 14 chemicals (neuromodulators) in the brain like dopamine, serotonin and histamine. "Surprisingly, even when we controlled their hibernation period, the apple fly developed the adult brain faster than the hawthorn fly. In addition, the apple fly brains, which developed faster, also showed reduced levels of neurochemicals. Our results suggest that changes in neurochemicals during specific stages of brain development could influence host choice in adult flies, providing a novel hypothesis for evolution," said Hinal Kharva, lead researcher.

"Linking changes in brain development and neurotransmitters to an insect's life cycle has interesting implications not only for generating new species, but for how changes in the environment, like climate change, could impact the choices that insects make – like what plants to infest," said Dr Shannon Olsson, who guided the study.

APMC traders demand rollback of market fee

S LALITHA @ Bengaluru

THE 0.6 per cent market fee on all transactions within the Agriculture Produce Marketing Committee (APMC) yards in Karnataka after the farm laws were introduced has been mounting the financial burden on consumers, and so, it needs to be repealed, said a representative of the APMC Yesvantpur yard.

Vice president of Federation of Karnataka Chambers of Commerce and Industry, Ramesh Chandra Lahoti, also a prominent trader at the city's APMC, told TNIE, "We have sent representations to the Chief Minister, State Co-operation Minister and the APMC director on the need to repeal farm laws section pertaining to APMC. There are 38,000 traders based at APMCs across the state who are hit by the decision." "If someone transacts business just outside the APMC gate, it will not attract any fee. A uniform fee is needed. There are only a thousand traders now from 2,800 active ones at Yesvantpur," Lahoti said.

The state government has clarified many times that it would not repeal the Karnataka Agricultural Produce Marketing (Regulation and Development) (Amendment) Act 2020. Lahoti also demanded a common portal to ensure transparency.

Daily Starscope

PETER VIDAL

19TH September: Astrology and literature is my theme for the week. Louis MacNeice, a famous English poet of the thirties and forties, actually wrote a text book on astrology, and how to work out and interpret horoscopes. In popular entertainment, astrology surfaced in the great 1950 movie, Sunset Boulevard, in which the Hollywood star, Gloria Swanson, repeatedly checks her horoscope.

ARIES (Mar 21 - Apr 20)
The major pattern of your horoscope remains true to that of the last two or even three weeks. This means that your major motivation will still be the very Arien goal of making your individual mark in the world. One word of warning, though: never underestimate the opposition.

TAURUS (Apr 21 - May 21)
Lunar alignments are setting you up for an emotional moment. The only potential flash point occurs when a partner makes an unreasonable demand but, if you start the day with dignity and care - and continue in the same vein - then you should go on to enjoy all that life has to offer.

GEMINI (May 22 - June 21)
Keep yourself to yourself if that is what you wish, no matter what demands other people may place on your time and energy. You may use the day constructively to restore your vital emotional reserves, and to catch up with all those overdue chores.

CANCER (June 22 - July 23)
It is easy to forecast continuing domestic upheaval for Cancers, but impossible to state exactly what stage you have reached: some of you are still formulating your plans while others are on the final stretch. Don't let other people put too much pressure on you.

LEO (July 24 - Aug. 23)
The only daily variation in your solar chart this week is provided by the Moon, which means that life should be relatively trouble-free. Today's one blot on the horizon is the vague, but easily avoidable, possibility of irritations at work. Keep your cool!

VIRGO (Aug. 24 - Sept. 23)
If today brings any change in your mood from last week, it's likely to be a feeling that life is a great adventure waiting to be explored. Try to carry this optimistic revelation into even the most trivial affairs, because you never know exactly when - or how - you'll discover the answers to your current questions.

LIBRA (Sept. 24 - Oct. 23)
You are still likely to be much busier than most of your partners and associates, but you should be thankful that your unique qualities are in demand, rather than resentful at the thought that you are doing more than your fair share. After all, it's good to be wanted!

SCORPIO (Oct. 24 - Nov. 22)
The major theme of the week may be money and how to maximise your resources. One emerging possibility is that you will be offered a very discreet chance to form a profitable new partnership. You may be a little over-emotional today, but you'll be in a strong position.

SAGITTARIUS (Nov. 23 - Dec. 22)
It should please you no end to know that your social life is set to flourish, even though there may be one or two complications. Today, though, you must pay sufficient attention to your routine chores and commitments prior to accepting any new invitations.

CAPRICORN (Dec. 23 - Jan. 20)
The Moon, that regulator of your daily emotions, occupies a friendly position, setting you up to take charge of your personal affairs. This is a day to shape your future rather than look for definite forecasts. It's also a useful moment to follow up a hunch.

AQUARIUS (Jan. 21 - Feb. 19)
Something that takes place today may stiffen your resolve to make improvements in your domestic relationships. It is important, though, that you look to the future rather than dwelling on the past, even if certain people keep harking back to the way things used to be.

PISCES (Feb. 20 - Mar 20)
If it's friendship you're after, look beyond your immediate circle. It's by participating in new interests and fresh enterprises that you'll forge the partnerships that will carry you through to next year. As you know, no man, or woman, is an island!

THE PHANTOM

HI AND LOIS

BEETLE BAILEY

I'M SICK AND TIRED OF BEING AT THE BOTTOM OF THE PECKING ORDER
YOU NEED TO PECK YOUR WAY TO THE TOP!
I'M NOT VERY GOOD AT PECKING
GREG + MORT WALKER
8/17

BLONDIE

HERE ARE YOUR KEYS BACK, DADDY! THANKS AGAIN FOR LETTING ME BORROW THE CAR TONIGHT!
YOU'LL NOTE THERE ISN'T A SINGLE SCRATCH, DENT, BLOWN TIRE OR BUSTED MIRROR!
WHEN DID THOSE BECOME POSITIVE SELLING POINTS?

LOCKHORNS

"COULDN'T WE JUST STAY HOME AND WATCH THE DISCOVERY CHANNEL INSTEAD?"

DENNIS THE MENACE

"HONESTLY, MOM... IT TASTES LIKE YOU CLEANED OUT THE 'FRIGERATOR AGAIN!"

SU DO KU

Easy: Test your number crunching skill with our unique puzzle

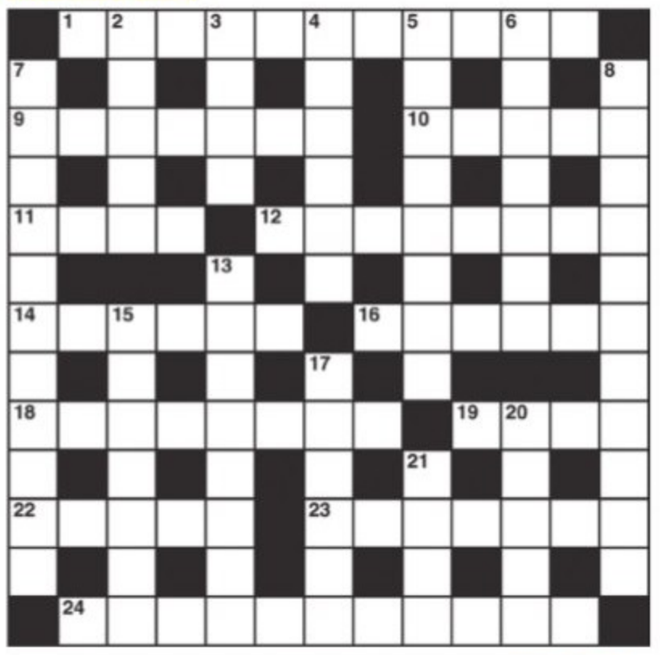
Fill in the grid with digits in such a manner that every row, every column and every 3X3 box accommodates the digits 1 to 9, without repeating any.

	6		9	1		2		
				2		6		8
	2	3	7	8				
		4	6				3	
7		8				4		5
	3				1	9		
				7	8	3	9	
1		2		3				
		9		6	5		1	

Solutions to Saturday's puzzle

2	5	6	1	3	4	8	9	7
8	4	9	2	5	7	6	1	3
7	3	1	8	9	6	5	2	4
4	1	3	6	8	9	2	7	5
6	9	2	7	1	5	4	3	8
5	7	8	4	2	3	9	6	1
3	8	5	9	6	1	7	4	2
1	6	4	5	7	2	3	8	9
9	2	7	3	4	8	1	5	6

CROSS WORD



ACROSS

1 Version of carol Silent Night is heard (3,8)
9 I am going around in torn clothing (7)
10 A long time to muse (5)
11 Puts away in great style (4)
12 He writes television play that is put out (8)
14 One is not keen to show it (6)
16 Master tricky current (6)
18 How to beat the streaker? (8)
19 Initial description of the Harrier jet for example (4)
22 A fringe gathering of lace makers (5)
23 Let bank arrange overall cover (7)
24 A tape recording? (11)

DOWN

2 I do it when playing the fool (5)
3 Idle doodle gave a false impression (4)
4 This idea will get you into no trouble (6)
5 Weather men caught in a flurry of sleet (8)
6 Ape and lion come to like milk (7)
7 Priceless stonework found in lodges (11)
8 Arrange comet and planet study (11)
13 Put up with the closed shop (8)
15 The case of the diplomat's aide (7)
17 Row about Dr Wood (6)
20 Captured and shot (5)
21 Mother, I'm seriously hurt (4)

SATURDAY'S SOLUTIONS

Across: 1 Itches, 4 Ultimate, 9 Tinder, 10 Imagines, 12 Raft, 13 Suite, 14 Unit, 17 Strict orders, 20 Brother-in-law, 23 Enid, 24 Meant, 25 Stye, 28 Man-of-war, 29 Lilies, 30 Reassert, 31 Stirup.

Down: 1 Interest, 2 Conifers, 3 Even, 5 Limited means, 6 Inga, 7 Awning, 8 Ersatz, 11 Fun of the fair, 15 Score, 16 Brain, 18 Clothier, 19 Sweeps up, 21 Reamer, 22 Vienna, 26 Efts, 27 Kilt.

JUMBLE By David L. Hoyt and Jeff Knurek

Unscramble these Jumbles, one letter to each square, to form four ordinary words.

DMITS

INNOO

RNHUBC

CAMPIT

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We're looking forward to no phones, no social media, nothing but the two of us.
Yes!
But no cell towers or Wi-Fi.
Are there bears here?
7/22
THE COUPLE STAYED AT A REMOTE BED & BREAKFAST. THEY WANTED TO BE ---

Now arrange the circled letters to form the surprise answer, as suggested by the above cartoon

"___ - ___"

ANSWERS TOMORROW

SATURDAY'S **Jumbles:**
MUDDY BERET GENTRY ALLEGE
ANSWER: When the company's board members voted to raise prices, the – GREEDY AGREED

DURATION OF PANDEMIC	CASES REPORTED	DEATHS	DISCHARGES
2 YEARS, 194 DAYS	■ 306 ◂ 476	■ 2 | ◂ 1	■ 293 | ◂ 358
	TALLY	POSITIVITY RATE	MORTALITY RATE
		■ 5.88 % | ◂ 5.89 %	■ 0.99% | ◂ 0.99%
■ TODAY	■ 40,61,463	ACTIVE CASES ■ 3,746	RECOVERY RATE ■ 98.91%
◂ YESTERDAY	◂ 40,61,157	◂ 3,735	◂ 98.91%

B'Urban: 145	C'nagara: 1	Dharwada: 4	Kolara: 2	Shivamogga: 25
B'Rural: 5	Chikkaballapura: 3	Gadag: 0	Koppala: 1	Tumakuru: 5
Bagalakote: 0	Chikkamagaluru: 11	Hassana: 9	Mandye: 4	Udupi: 5
Ballari 2	Chitraduga: 1	Haveri: 1	Mysuru: 28	Uttara Kannada: 5
Belagavi: 14	D Kannada: 14	Kalaburagi: 3	Raichuru: 1	Vijayapura: 2
Bidar: 0	Davanagere: 0	Kodagu: 0	Ramanagara: 15	Yadagiri: 0

Drug shortage in state, dept faces bribe heat

44 essential drugs, medical supplies, IV fluids, syringes out of stock in hospitals

NAMRATA SINDWANI @ Bengaluru

HOSPITALS in Karnataka are witnessing a shortage of drugs and medical supplies, with the ongoing fulfilment process of the state health centre's demand list for the year 2020-21, as mentioned in a letter by Health and Family Welfare Services dated September 14. Out of 445 medicines, the tender process of 210 medicines has been completed, but is ongoing for the remaining 235 drugs, and is expected to take around 60 days to be completed. The department is trying to procure the medicines locally for a temporary period, to overcome the ongoing shortage. According to the letter, there is a shortage of 44 essential drugs currently in hospitals across the state.

Sources also raised concerns of shortage of medical supplies, like IV fluids, painkillers, paracetamol tablets, disposable cannulas, syringes, surgical sutures etc regularly used in government hospitals and PHCs.

Groups of vendors associated with the Karnataka State Medical Supplies Corporation Limited (KSMSCL) for drugs and medical supplies have alleged that the department seeks bribes to clear pending bills.

A vendor said the department was made to centralise medical supplies, however, mismanagement had caused the opposite. They said that during the Covid pandemic, a lot of emergency procurement was done and vendors supplied medicines/equipment going beyond their reach. However, post delivery of products, they faced many issues with clearance of EMD (Earnest Money Deposit) or their pending bills.

Many bills remain pending until now. Companies like Biocon Biologics, Capital Biotech, Juggat Pharma have written to the department requesting clearance of bills, which can mount to over ₹100 crore.

Biocon Biologics recently wrote to the Health department, regarding dues in payment for supplies of Remdesivir during Covid-19 second wave. The letter mentioned delay in clearance of ₹63.34 lakh for supplies, and ₹43.14 lakh worth of deposit.

Constant change of department heads caused inconvenience in terms of management, vendors complained. Due to this, lower ranked officers created chaos in terms of selective clearance of bills, another vendor alleged. Participation and procurement of tenders by smaller companies was also raised, alleging lobbying and favouritism towards certain companies. The department was allegedly drawing up drafts, sidelining certain companies for their automatic removal from the tendering process.

Despite numerous calls to department of KSMSCL, there was no response regarding alleged bribery, pending bills and mismanagement in the department.

GARDEN DECOR

Come rain or shine, it's always a busy day for these artisans who make a living by manufacturing and selling wooden planters, in CBD | SHASHIDHAR BYRAPPA

3 held for running fake website

EXPRESS NEWS SERVICE
@ Bengaluru

THREE men were arrested by CEN police from the North-East division for allegedly creating a fake website of a well-known packers and movers company. They were also allegedly extorting money from customers.

The police have recovered a bike and mobile phone from the accused.

The arrested are Brahmadev Yadav, (23) Mukesh Kumar Yadav, (28), and Vijay Kumar Yadav, (30), all from Bihar, who were residing in Yesvanthpur. Police have recovered a bike and a mobile phone from the accused.

After creating the fake website, the accused would share the website links and contact numbers on social media and online portals.

Recently, an employee of a private company had approached them to deliver his bike to Sagar in Shivamogga. He had paid Rs 1,000 for the service. After two days, the accused called him and tried to extort Rs 8,000 by threatening if he refuses to pay, they will dispose of the bike.

A complaint was filed with the CEN police. The accused were arrested from a house from where they were running the fake website, and issuing false transaction receipts.

During questioning, the accused have confessed that they were conning people to earn easy money.

Drug peddler poses as food delivery boy, held

EXPRESS NEWS SERVICE
@ Udupi

A drug peddler from Udupi in the garb of supplying food, indeed supplied drugs and was arrested. Devi Prasad (23) of Udupi is the arrested person. His accomplices Ravi Shankar (22) and Anjal Baiju (21), both from Palakkad, have also been arrested. Devi Prasad sourced drugs from Ravi Shankar and supplied it to his customers under the garb of food supply.

Ravi Shankar resided in Manchi village near Manipal and operated his illegal drug supply chain in and around Udupi and Manipal. His targets were youngsters, particularly students of some institutions in Manipal and Udupi.

Ravi Shankar used to bring the drug mainly ganja by train from Kerala to Manipal. The police designed a plan to observe him from close quarters and understood his network and business model. His two friends were also under police watch. On Saturday, the police nabbed Devi Prasad when he was waiting for peddlers and consumers near a spot between Indrali and Manchi. The police seized 1,277 grams of ganja from his possession. The worth of the substance seized is Rs 30,000. Police also seized four mobile phones and two bikes. Sources said the fourth accused Ranjit of Udupi is still absconding.

Police arrest farmer for growing ganja, recover 338 kg marijuana

BELAGAVI: The Cyber Economic and Narcotics Crime (CEN) police arrested an accused and recovered 338 kg of ganja (marijuana) from his possession at Hubbarwadi village in Raibag taluk, Belagavi district, on Saturday. The accused has been identified as Halappa Lagamanna Pujari, a resident of Hubbarwadi. A farmer by profession, Pujari was allegedly cultivating marijuana in his field. Police have recovered 98 trees of marijuana from the field of Pujari. A case has been registered at Raibag police station and investigations are on.

Flyer caught at KIA with foreign currencies

EXPRESS NEWS SERVICE
@ Bengaluru

A 37-year-old passenger, heading from Bengaluru to Abu Dhabi, was intercepted at Kempegowda International Airport and foreign currency worth Rs 35.45 lakh was seized from him.

According to a Customs source, the flyer Nainar Haja Hanifa attempted to smuggle $45000 and 185 Dirhams in his baggage via Etihad Airways. He is a native of Ramanathapuram in Tamil Nadu. Hanifa was intercepted by the Directorate of Revenue Intelligence and handed over to the Air Intelligence Customs Unit on September 14.

There is a maximum limit fixed on international flyers carrying foreign currency outside India, averaging $3,000 (Rs 2.4 lakh only) with exceptions in the case of a couple of countries. As a special case, extra cash would be permitted only after prior permissi on with documentation for the source of cash being carried available.

A group of students representing People Tree Hospitals took to the streets of Bengaluru to promote Heart Health Awareness in lieu of World Heart Day, celebrated on September 29. They have been spreading awareness with various activities and heart health check packages for the day, said Dr Jothi S Neeraja, MD and CEO, People Tree Hospitals, Bengaluru. The volunteers in the middle of four different locations spread awareness about healthy lifestyle practices for a good heart.

CRIME PATROL

LABOUR CONTRACTOR STABS SECURITY GUARD

Bengaluru: A 40-year-old security guard was stabbed by a labour contractor over a payment issue at an under-construction site in Electronics City police station limits on Saturday. The police said the victim Pathul Mukiya was a native of Assam. Around 9.30 pm, the labour contractor Prakash had come to pay the weekly payment to two labourers. The three were drinking, and they began arguing with Prakash over payment. Mukiya asked Prakash to leave. An enraged Prakash stabbed him repeatedly with a kitchen knife, and fled. Mukiya was shifted to a private hospital, where he is stable. ENS

PUBLIC NOTICE

The undersigned advocate submit on behalf of my client **Smt. Lakshmamma Aged about 60 years D/o. Late Doddamuniyappa W/o. Late Munichannappa,** Aged about 60 years, Rist. Devaganahalli Village, Kundana Hobli, Devanahalli Taluk, and others have filed the death petition for the death certificate of deceased by name **Sri Doddamuniyappa S/o. Late Dekappa** who died **on 11.05.1950** at Thanisandra Village, K.R. Puram Hobli, Bengaluru East Taluk. If any parties who have objections may dispute regarding the same or appear before the court as below **on or before 26/09/2022 in C. Misc. No. 3384/2022.**

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CITY UNION BANK LIMITED

Credit Recovery and Management Department
Administrative Office: No.24-B, Gandhi Nagar, Kumbakonam - 612 001. **E-Mail id:** crmd@cityunionbank.in, **Phone:** 0435-2432322, **Fax:** 0435-2431746

RE-TENDER-CUM-AUCTION SALE NOTICE UNDER SARFAESI ACT 2002

The following property/ies mortgaged to **City Union Bank Limited** will be sold in Re-Tender-cum-Public Auction by the Authorised Officer of the Bank, under Rule 8 (6) & 9 of the Security Interest (Enforcement) Rules, 2002, under the SARFAESI Act, 2002, for recovery of a sum of **Rs.63,06,722/- (Rupees Sixty Three Lakh Six Thousand Seven Hundred and Twenty Two Only)** as on **31-01-2022** together with further interest to be charged from **01-02-2022** onwards and other expenses, any other dues to the Bank by the borrowers / guarantors **No.1) M/s. Om Shakthi Tours and Travels, 3rd Main Road, Maruthi Complex, Hoysala Nagar, Opp. FMC Ramamurthy Nagar, Bangalore - 560016. No.2) Mr. C.P. Magesh Shankar, S/o. Mr. C.N. Paramasivan, 2nd Floor, Maruthi Complex, Hoysala Nagar, Ramamurthy Nagar, Bangalore - 560016. No.3) Mrs. Nethra Magesh, W/o. Mr. C.P. Magesh Shankar, 2nd Floor, Maruthi Complex, Hoysala Nagar, Ramamurthy Nagar, Bangalore - 560016.**

Notes:- (1) That our **318 - Bengaluru-Banaswadi Branch** has also extended Financial Assistance (FITL - ADHOC: 501912090018905) dated **17-10-2020** requested by No.1 of you represented by No.2 of you as Proprietor for the facility for a Total Amount of **Rs.1,15,000/-** at a ROI of **14.75%.** The same has been also classified as **NPA** on **05-12-2020** and the outstanding balance as on **31-01-2022** is **Rs.1,40,788/- (Rupees One Lakh Forty Thousand Seven Hundred and Eighty Eight Only)** plus further interest and penal interest of **2.00%** with monthly rests to be charged from **01-02-2022** till the date of realization.

(2) That our **318 - Bengaluru-Banaswadi Branch** has also extended Financial Assistance (CREDIT CARD AGAINST LOAN: 512120020026592) dated **26-09-2018** requested by No.2 of you for the facility for a Total Amount of **Rs.1,00,000/-** at a ROI of **18%.**The same has been also classified as **NPA** on **15-12-2020** and the outstanding balance as on **31-01-2022** is **Rs.1,05,875/- (Rupees One Lakh Five Thousand Eight Hundred and Seventy Five Only)** plus further interest and penal interest of **2.00%** with monthly rests to be charged from **01-02-2022** till the date of realization.

Immovable Property Mortgaged to our Bank
Property - 1: (Property Owned by Mr. C.P Magesh Shankar, S/o. Mr. C.N. Paramasivan)

All that piece and parcel of the Immovable Property bearing Site No.40 formed in Old Property No.84, New No.14, Khatha No.14/99 situated at Maragondanahalli Village, Bidarahalli Hobli, Bangalore East Taluk. Measuring:- East to West 40 ft. and North to South (29½ + 34)/2 totally measuring 1,270 Sq.ft. and bounded on the: East by - Site No.39, West by - Site No.41, North by - Road, South by - Private Property.

Reserve Price: Rs.36,00,000/-
(Rupees Thirty Six Lakh Only)

RE-AUCTION DETAILS

Date of Re-Tender-cum-Auction Sale	Venue
10-10-2022	City Union Bank Limited, Bengaluru-Banaswadi Branch, No.6, Ganesh Chambers, Dodda Banaswadi Main Road, Banaswadi, Bengaluru Urban - 560043. Telephone No.080-25455655, Cell No.9342448522.

Terms and Conditions of Re-Tender-cum-Auction Sale:
(1) The intending bidders should be present in person for the auction and participate personally and give a declaration in writing to the effect that he/she is bidding for himself / herself. **(2)** The intending bidders may obtain the Tender Forms from **The Manager, City Union Bank Limited, Bengaluru-Banaswadi Branch, No.6, Ganesh Chambers, Dodda Banaswadi Main Road, Banaswadi, Bengaluru Urban - 560043. (3)** The intending bidders should submit their bids only in the Tender Form prescribed in sealed envelopes addressed to **The Authorised Officer, City Union Bank Ltd.,** together with a Pay Order / Demand Draft for an EMD of **10%** of the Reserve Price, drawn in favour of **"City Union Bank Ltd.", on or before 12.00 Noon** on the date of Tender-cum-Auction Sale hereby notified. **(4)** For inspection of the property and other particulars, the intending purchaser may contact **Telephone No.080-25455655, Cell No.9342448522. (5)** The property/ies are sold on "As-is-where-is", "As-is-what-is" and "whatever-there is" basis. **(6)** The sealed tenders will be opened in the presence of the intending bidders at **01.00 p.m.** on the date of Tender-cum-Auction Sale hereby notified. Though in general the sale will be by way of closed tenders, the Authorised Officer may, at his sole discretion, conduct an Open Auction among the interested bidders who desire to quote a bid higher than the one received in the closed tender process, and in such an event, the sale shall be conferred on the person making highest bid. The sale, however, is subject to confirmation of City Union Bank Limited. **(7)** The successful bidder shall have to pay **25% (inclusive of EMD paid)** of the sale amount **immediately** on completion of sale and the balance amount of **75%** within **15 days** from the date of confirmation of sale, failing which the initial deposit of **25%** shall be forfeited. **(8)** The Sale Certificate will be issued by the Authorised Officer in favour of the successful purchaser only after receipt of the entire sale consideration within the time limit stipulated herein. **(9)** The successful purchaser shall bear the charges/fees payable for conveyance, such as stamp duty, registration fee etc., as applicable under law. **(10)** The successful bidder should pay the statutory dues (lawful house tax, electricity charges and other dues), TDS, GST if any, due to Government, Government Undertaking and local bodies. **(11)** The Authorised Officer shall have all the powers to accept or reject the bids or postpone or cancel the sale without assigning any reason whatsoever.

Place: Kumbakonam, Date: 17-09-2022 **Authorised Officer**

Regd. Office: 149, T.S.R. (Big) Street, Kumbakonam, Thanjavur District, Tamil Nadu - 612 001, **CIN -** L65110TN1904PLC001287, **Telephone No.**0435-2402322, **Fax:** 0435-2431746, **Website:** www.cityunionbank.com

Karnataka Urban Water Supply & Drainage Board , Office of Chief Engineer

Jalamandali Compound, Sir M. Visvesvaraya Road, Dharwad – 580 001, e-mail : - kwbcen@gmail.com, Office No: 0836-2447090,

TENDER NOTIFICATION (Through e-Procurement Portal only)

Lumpsum Tender for the following work is invited (two cover system) through e-Procurement portal (https://eproc.karnataka.gov.in) from the eligible Agency / contractors who satisfy the Technical & Financial eligibility criteria.

Construction of 15.00 LL capacity RCC over head tank on 15 meter staging near KEB at Ilkal city under DC works. WORK INDENT No:KUWSDB/2022-23/WS/WORK_INDENT3221 for Further information visit e-procurement portal. For further details, the Office of the Chief Engineer, K.U.W.S & D. Board, Dharwad may please be contacted.

Sd/- Chief Engineer
KUWS & D. Board, Dharwad.

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DEUTSCHE BANK AG

Appendix IV [Rule 8 (1)] POSSESSION NOTICE

Whereas, the undersigned being the authorized officer of Deutsche Bank AG, India ("Bank") under the Securitisation and Reconstruction of Financial Assets and Enforcement of Security Interest Act, 2002 and in exercise of powers conferred under Section 13(12) read with rule 9 of the Security Interest (Enforcement) Rules, 2002 issued a demand notice dated **08.03.2022** calling upon the borrowers **Mr. Om Prakash Rajgarhia, Mr. Govind Rajgaria, Ms. Simple Rajgarhia, Ms. Alka Rajgaria, Mr. Harsh Vardhan Rajgarhia & Ms. Anita Rajgarhia**, to repay the outstanding amount as mentioned in the notice being **Rs.30,20,45,758.30 (Rupees Thirty Crore Twenty Lakhs Forty Five Thousand Seven Hundred Fifty Eight And Paise Thirty Only)**, within 60 days from the date of receipt of the said notice.

The Borrower having failed to repay the amount, notice is hereby given to the Borrower and the public in general that the undersigned has taken symbolic possession of the property described herein below in exercise of the powers conferred on him/her under Section 13(4) of the said act read with rule 9 of the said act on this **15th day of September of the year 2022.**

The Borrower in particular and the public in general is hereby cautioned not to deal with the property and any dealings with the property will be subject to the charge of the Bank for an amount of **Rs. 30,20,45,758.30 (Rupees Thirty Crore Twenty Lakhs Forty Five Thousand Seven Hundred Fifty Eight And Paise Thirty Only) and interest thereon.**

Description of the Immovable Property

All that the self-contained residential cum commercial property being:- Site No 1894, 8th Cross, Puttappa Layout, HAL 3rd Stage, New Tippasandra, Bangalore-560075 (Karnataka) admeasuring 3670 Sq. Ft. which is butted and bounded as follows **On The North By:** Site No. 1893, **On The South By:** Site No. 1895, **On The East By:** Site No. 1902, **On The West By:** Road. **("Property").**

Pankaj Gotawat
Date: 19th September, 2022 **Authorized Officer,**
Place: Bengaluru **Deutsche Bank A.G.**

RAIL WHEEL FACTORY

Yelahanka, Bengaluru – 560064.

TENDER NOTICE NO. RWF/S/P1/011/2022-23 dt 17/09/2022

On behalf of the President of India, Principal Chief Materials Manager invites electronic Tenders from Interested Vendors for supply of the following items on the Indian Railways E-Portal – **www.ireps.gov.in.** The Tender documents and the Corrigenda to the Tenders, if any, will be available on the Portal only.

Sl	Tender No	Due date	Short Description	Qty
1	P1221912A	12-10-2022	Magnesia Aluminium Silicate granules as per WAP specification (Developmental Tender)	41 kgs
2	P1222104	12-12-2022	Recentering tool holder for CNC drilling machine, SEFAS chamfer No. 33712OR732 with spares consisting of 10 Nos. each as mentioned below (a) Clamping element (b) Screw driver (c) clamping screw (d) adjusting screw Make:Kennametal OR Sandvik OR SECO.	78 sets
3	P1222139	17-10-2022	Steel Blooms 300 mm square for forging of wagon axles as per RWF specification	50904 MT
4	P1222149	17-10-2022	Thermocouple Temperature Measuring unit as per RWF drawing and specification	17 sets
5	P1221465B	20-10-2022	Graphite Mould Blanks 1097 mm dia X 575 mm height (43.2" x 22.6") as per RWF specification (Developmental Tender)	18 Nos
6	P1222098	16-11-2022	Graphite Electrodes with preset nipple as per RWF specification	845 MT
7	P1222101	21-11-2022	Modified 10° Pitch (254 mm) chain for flight roller conveyor to WAP drawing.	185 metres
8	P1222068	28-11-2022	Steel Shots to IS Specification IS:4606-1983 (1991-reaffirmed) grade 1700	370 MT
9	P1222099	15-12-2022	Graphite Powder as per RWF specification	1450 MT
10	P1222070	22-12-2022	Bricks arch high alumina 70% for ladle lining as per RWF specification	461 sets
11	P1222105	29-12-2022	Inserts LNUX 38 X 22 X 40 P -30 to P-40.	8041 Nos
12	P1222096	10-01-2023	Graphite granules as per RWF specification	555 MT
13	P1222078	23-01-2023	Magnesite wet ramming mass as per RWF specification	1396025 kgs

Principal Chief Materials Manager

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RAISING SUN FOR POOR AND DOWNTRODDEN

If you are born poor, it's not your mistake but if you die poor, it's your mistake. By inspiring this saying, KGF Babu has inspired many people. He was much-discussed man in Karnataka and he has been called many names like KGF Babu, Babu, Babanna, and Scrap Babu. KGF Babu was deprived from the education but destiny has changed his life, he became a crorepati. Now he has completely dedicated himself in social works and decided to return his hard earned money to the society especially to the needy and poor. Ambitious to enter the politics, KGF Babu has now actively involved in social services in the Chickpet Assembly constituency, Bengaluru and but his social service has disturbed his own partymen in the constituency.

KGF Babu has blamed the former MLA of Chickpet has trying to defame him and making baseless allegations against him. He further blamed the former MLA has not been able to digest his close connectivity with the people, so MLA is spreading falsehood to the people about him, Babu alleged.

BABU REACHES OUT EACH HOUSEHOLDS OF CHICKPET CONSTITUENCY

KGF Babu has firm in his decision to work for the Congress party and

continue his social works. Babu has contested from Bengaluru Urban to the Legislative Council and lost the elections with narrow margin . Babu has taken up many social works in Chickpet and decided to distribute Rs. 350 crores of his hard-earned money to the needy and poor in Chickpet. He has reserved this amount for five

years period. Identifying 50,000 houses in the Constituency and distributing Rs. 5000 for each household. Already Mr. Babu has distributed Rs.5000 each to 10,500 houses in the form of cheques. Cheques will be distributed to the remaining 39500 houses in four months. KGF Babu also gives a scholarship amount of Rs. 5000 to all sections of students who studying at PUC and Degree colleges. If a family has two children studying PUC and a degree, they will get Rs. 10,000 and three children will get Rs. 15,000. The scholarship

LEADERS HAVE OPPOSED BABU'S SOCIAL WORK

Born in KGF, Babu has grown up in K.S. Garden, Bengaluru and Chickpet people have embraced him. Even voters of Chickpet have urged him to work for them otherwise they will take the extreme step. Because of their love and affection, Babu has served in the Chickpet constituency, but his decision did not go well in his party, many leaders had objected to his social work and started harassing him.

will be given when the academic year commences. Besides he has promised to construct 3000 houses in five years, Rs. 6 lakh given for construction of houses.

'PRESSURE TACTICS CANNOT DITTER MY WORK'

"I have come to serve the people and will always be with them. I will not deter any kind of political conspiracy resorted against me. ED raid has been conducted on me, but I will not be afraid of ED raid. I have decided to contest from the Chickpet constituency in the 2023 Assembly elections. Chickpet voters are my strength, I have reposed faith on them. I will serve them as MLA and also I have confidence that Congress will support my decision", said KGF Babu

- ADVT

Over three lakh devotees are expected to visit Goddess Hasanamba temple in Hassan which will open for 12 days from October 13 this year. There will be no entry for devotees on the opening and closing days — October 13 and 27

LOKAYUKTA POLICE ALL SET TO LAUNCH PROBE AGAINST BSY

Case pertains to awarding tenders for the construction of BDA apartments

EXPRESS NEWS SERVICE
@ Bengaluru

THE Lokayukta police are all set to begin the investigation against former CM BS Yediyurappa and several of his family members in connection with a corruption case. They are expected to closely follow the proceedings in the Supreme Court on Monday where the matter is scheduled to come up. The case was registered on Friday following a special court directive to Lokayukta police to book Yediyurappa and his family members, including his son BY Vijayendra, who is BJP state vice-president, his grandson and the then BDA commissioner.

The FIR was registered under various sections of the Prevention of Corruption Act and the Indian Penal Code on a complaint filed by activist TJ Abraham that the accused received bribes for granting Bangalore Development Authority contracts. The case pertains to awarding tenders for the construction of BDA apartments at Konadasapura in Bidarahalli in the city. It is alleged that the accused took kickbacks from a builder and routed the money through their shell companies when Yediyurappa was serving as chief minister between 2019 to 2021. The total bribe paid was close to Rs 30 crore, the complaint stated.

The FIR was filed on Saturday in connection with the BDA tender of about Rs 660 crore against Yediyurappa, Vijayendra, Cooperation Minister ST Somashekar, Yediyurappa's grandson Shashidhar Maradi, sons-in-law Sanjay Sree, Chandrakant Ramalingam, K Ravi, Virupakshappa Y and IAS officer JC Prakash.

A bribe of Rs 12 crore was allegedly paid by contractor Chandrakanth Ramalingam to then BDA commissioner Prakash.

CONGRESS DAYDREAMING OF FORMING GOVT: BSY

Belagavi: Senior BJP leader BS Yediyurappa on Sunday said that the Congress leaders in Karnataka are daydreaming of coming to power in the state in 2023. "They are daydreaming. I will react to their statements. I am confident that the BJP will win 145-150 seats and come to power," he said.

BJP will return with majority: Yediyurappa

ARUNKUMAR HURALIMATH @ Hubballi

FORMER CM BS Yediyurappa, who was recently appointed party's Parliamentary Board member, said the BJP will come to power in Karnataka with a clear majority. He was reacting to Congress Legislature Leader Siddaramaiah's plans of conducting a rath yatra in all 224 constituencies of the state ahead of the 2023 Assembly elections.

"Let him (Siddaramaiah) do anything. We are not bothered. No one can stop us from getting a clear majority," he told media persons at Hubballi airport.

Meanwhile, several BJP leaders from Hubballi-Dharward did not turn up to receive the Lingayat strongman at Hubballi airport. Interestingly, Union Minister Pralhad Joshi, former CM Jagadish Shettar, district BJP president and other top leaders were all present in Hubballi on Sunday. Yediyurappa, who landed at Hubballi on Sunday, was on his way to Bailhongal in Belagavi to take part in a function. However, BJP leaders in Hubballi said they were busy with a series of programmes organised to mark the birthday of PM Narendra Modi, and hence could not receive Yediyurappa at the airport.

Changing tack: BJP on the offensive; Cong goes local

OFFENCE is the best form of defence. That appears to be the BJP's strategy to counter Congress' all-out efforts to set a narrative for the 2023 Assembly polls with corruption under the BJP's watch as its major poll plank.

There seems to be newfound aggression in the BJP camp in the last few weeks, coinciding with former chief minister BS Yediyurappa's elevation to the party's top decision-making body, the parliamentary board. Facing a flurry of allegations, including the 40 per cent commission charge by the contractors' association and backlash from its workers, the BJP and the government looked to be on the defensive. They mostly spoke of going to the polls with a report card on the government's performance and harped on differences among the top Congress leaders, while the opposition went hammer and tongs targeting the government over corruption. A perceptible change in the BJP's strategy seems to have been prompted by the apprehension that the government's counter was weak and anti-incumbency could slowly gain ground.

The change in tack was evident at the "Janaspandana" rally to celebrate the completion of three years of the BJP government, including one year under Basavaraj Bommai's leadership. The party blew the poll bugle by announcing that it will expose alleged irregularities during the Congress rule in the state, from 2013 to 2018. After the rally, the first of the five such big events planned in the next few months, the ruling dispensation appears to be digging out skeletons and talking about alleged irregularities during the Congress government.

Unlike a few months ago, now more ministers and leaders are coming out roaring in defence of the CM. And in the ongoing legislative session, the BJP ensured that the Congress' motion to discuss irregularities in the police sub-inspector recruitment scam is converted into a discussion on all scams, including those during the previous Congress government's. The Assembly is likely to witness a heated exchange during the debate slated this week. The party's aggressive approach was also visible when it got the contentious Anti-Conversion Bill passed in the Legislative Council amid intense opposition from the Congress. The bill was passed after a debate that witnessed heated exchanges between the opposition and treasury benches.

By taking an aggressive approach to the alleged corruption during the Congress rule, the BJP may blunt the Opposition attack to some extent. But the big question is... will it work with the voters? Is it too late for the party that was in power for three years to just talk about the corruption in the previous government, instead of ordering a probe soon after coming to power?

No doubt, action has to be taken against any wrongdoing even if it comes to light after many years, but when it comes to fighting corruption by strengthening the Lokayukta, there is hardly any difference between the two big parties. The credit for weakening the Lokayukta headed by a retired judge by forming the Anti-Corruption Bureau (ACB) helmed by a police officer goes to the Congress government. The BJP did nothing to fulfil its election promise of disbanding the ACB. It was abolished recently after the High Court order.

Recent floods in Bengaluru added to the woes of the BJP. No matter who allowed encroachments and who turned a blind eye all these years, the ire will be directed more against those in power. Bengaluru with 28 Assembly segments is very important for the BJP as well as the Congress. The ruling party had not done particularly well in the 2018 polls when it won 11 seats, three less than Congress. Equations changed post political defections that helped BJP come to power in 2019. But now with corruption being one of the major poll issues, the Aam Aadmi Party (AAP) will be looking to draw a section of urban voters disillusioned with the BJP. That may not help the AAP win seats, but can damage the BJP in closely contested elections.

Meanwhile, the Congress is also changing its approach. The party that finds itself in a blind alley in national politics is adopting a strategy to target the BJP's local leadership and not focus too much on criticising Prime Minister Narendra Modi as that can prove to be counterproductive. As part of that strategy, the Congress is going full throttle firing corruption salvos against the ruling dispensation and has even launched a helpline and website for people to register complaints if they face any demand for bribes.

Now, with former AICC chief Rahul Gandhi's "Bharat Jodo" yatra set to enter the state on September 30 and cover over 500 km in 21 days, the Congress will sharpen its attack on the Bommai government. And the same intensity is expected to be seen in the BJP's rallies to be held around the same time. Corruption continues to be a major talking point in the run-up to the elections, but people also expect those in power to talk about what they have done and those in opposition to explain what they have to offer.

STRAWS IN THE WIND

Narendra Modi on the mind

Opposition leader Siddaramaiah's slip of tongue led to much laughter among Congress workers recently. Attacking the 'double-engine' BJP government, Siddaramaiah said it was high time people dislodged the BJP. He went on to say that Narendra Modi is on Bharat Jodo Yatra to fight price rise, unemployment, corruption, and for the unity of the country. When party workers shouted out that it was Rahul Gandhi who was on a padayatra, the veteran leader asked: "Did I say Narendra Modi?" When the crowd affirmed it, the Ahinda leader corrected himself and repeatedly referred to Rahul's Bharat Jodo Yatra, as if to obliterate the gaffe. He can't be blamed really, Modi and the cheetahs have consistently hogged front pages and prime time.

Top brass draws Laxman rekha

With social media managers of netas going overboard in reacting to opponents, it often becomes a headache for the party high command. Recently, opposition leader Siddaramaiah attacked BJP National General Secretary **CT Ravi**, terming him a "hardcore corrupt" leader. Ravi's response was a harsh personal attack on Siddaramaiah, which did not go down well with political circles. Amid protests against Ravi, state in-charge Randeep Singh Surjewala reportedly called up Siddaramaiah and suggested that he handle his social media team "cautiously". Surjewala also nudged Siddaramaiah to tweet in favour of KPCC president DK Shivakumar, who was issued ED summons. Apparently, Surjewala's express task is 'Siddu-DKS Jodo' ahead of Rahul Gandhi's 'Bharat Jodo'.

Narayana Guru and the disciples

Of late, social reformer Shree Narayana Guru has turned into the most sought-after political icon in Dakshina Kannada. After mudslinging over the alleged rejection of a tableau with his sculpture at the Republic Day parade, now political rivals are involved in a stiff battle, accusing each other of showing disrespect to Guru. A day after celebrating Narayana Guru Jayanti in Mangaluru, Congress leader B Ramanath Rai accused CM Basavaraj Bommai of disrespecting Guru by not taking part in the event. A BJP leader hit back, listing events when Congress leaders had allegedly disrespected Guru. The sparring continued with leaders big and sundry from both sides taking turns to hold press meets, putting down the other.

BJP govt trying to turn K'taka into school for Sangh Parivar: Pinarayi

EXPRESS NEWS SERVICE
@ Bagepalli (Chikkaballapur dist)

THE BJP government is trying to turn Karnataka into a school for the Sangh Parivar and that was the reason school textbooks promoting the Sangh ideology were printed in the state, said Kerala Chief Minister Pinarayi Vijayan, here on Sunday.

Attending a political convention of CPI(M), he lambasted central and state governments, saying the enthusiasm of the state government has led it to take some bad decisions. A big controversy has erupted over the exclusion of EV Ramasamy Periyar from the Class 10 Social Science textbook. In the Social Science Part-1 textbook posted by the Karnataka Textbook Society, the new chapter 5 dealing with "Saamajika Mathu Dharmika Sudharana Chaluvaligalu" (social and religious reform movements) has been made concise. References to Periyar and Narayana Guru have been removed, he said.

The state government is trying to saffronise textbooks and impose a particular religion on young minds, he said.

BJP, which came to power at the Centre in 2014, has been targeting the minorities from Day 1. In Karnataka too, a similar situation prevails. The Sangh Parivar is now trying to promote Hindutva ideologies, he said. "Only CPI(M) can take the nation on the path of growth and only our party can sideline BJP and Sangh Parivar. In Kerala, CPI(M) put an end to religion politics, whereas in Karnataka, it is being encouraged," he said.

Kerala CM Pinarayi Vijayan addresses the CPI(M) meet in Bagepalli on Sunday

LET NHAI GIVE THE PROPOSAL FIRST: BOMMAI

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"But we don't know what the NHAI proposal is. Let NHAI give us a proposal. We will not allow any project in eco-sensitive zones, be it Nagarhole or Bandipur," Bommai said. But a statement from the Kerala Chief Minister's Office stated that both states will together request NHAI to implement the alignments from Tholpetti to Purakkattiri and Sultan Batheri to Malappuram as part of the Mysore Malappuram Economic Corridor project as an alternative to the NH 766, passing through the tiger reserve. It also stated that Bommai agreed to examine the proposed Kanhangad-Panathur-Kaniyoor railway line project, which will connect north Kerala and south Karnataka, and also seriously consider providing the necessary financial assistance.

Health Minister Dr Sudhakar inspects the ICU at VIMS in Ballari on Sunday | EXPRESS

VIMS deaths may not be due to power cut: Min

KIRAN BALANNANAVAR
@ Ballari

POWER failure may not be the reason behind the death of two patients in the ICU at the Vijayanagara Institute of Medical Science (VIMS), said Health Minister Dr K Sudhakar here on Sunday.

The medical reports show health issues to be the reason behind the deaths, he said. "I held a detailed meeting with the staff and director of VIMS. We are waiting for the probe committee report. Once the report is submitted, action will be taken."

He said he was in constant touch with VIMS authorities. "During my visit I sought details on power failure. The power cut was noticed in the morning of September 14. I have also learnt that there is a backup power supply of 90 minutes to the ICU ward," he explained.

Dr Sudhakar said a patient, Chettamma (30), died of snake bite, while another, Hussein (35), who suffered from kidney failure, passed away because of multi-organ failure. "The probe committee members visited the hospital and collected the details. We will have a dedicated official to look after the power supply at the hospital," he said.

On VIMS Director Gangadhar Gowda's statement that there could be a hand of miscreants behind the power cut, Dr Sudhakar said it is wrong to react when the investigation is underway.

District in-charge minister B Sriramulu said he asked the VIMS director to file a police complaint if he feels someone tried to sabotage the operations at VIMS hospital.

JDS leader HD Kumaraswamy said in Kolar that the government is solely responsible for the death of two patients at VIMS.

CM bats for Sudhakar, says he won't resign

Bengaluru: CM Basavaraj Bommai on Sunday came out in support of Health Minister Dr K Sudhakar after the Opposition demanded that the minister resign following the recent deaths in the Vijayanagar Institute of Medical Sciences (VIMS). Bommai said the Congress has a habit of politicising every issue. "In the past when Congress government tabled the Karnataka Private Hospitals Bill, the doctors went on a 5-day strike resulting in the death of 80 people. Did the Congress government take moral responsibility? Did anyone resign that time? Did the then Health Minister resign?" Bommai questioned. ENS

Yatnal seeks panel to look after Murugha Mutt affairs

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VIJAYAPURA City MLA Basanagouda Patil Yatnal has written to the High Court Chief Justice and Chief Secretary of Government of Karnataka appealing to set up a high-level monitoring committee to look after the affairs of Murugha Mutt. Yatnal also demanded that the Pontiff Shivamurthy Murugha Sharanaru step down from his position as chief of the mutt.

In a two-page letter to the HC Chief Justice and the Chief Secretary, Yatnal has also appealed to take initiatives in the welfare of the mutt to protect its legacy. "The seer was arrested under POCSO Act on September 1. He is currently under judicial custody. The pontiff has brought shame to the entire Veerashaiva-Lingayat community. So, he must be directed to voluntarily relinquish the position of chief of the mutt," Yatnal wrote in the letter.

"For the smooth administration and daily affairs of the mutt, the authorities concerned must constitute a supervising committee with entrusting temporary responsibility to either a retired Chief Justice of India or a retired Chief Justice of HC, who belongs to Veerashaiva-Lingayat community, at the earliest," appealed Yatnal.

Yatnal further said, "After the arrest, a big chaos has exploded in the administration and activities of the mutt. A section of devotees of the mutt are unhappy with the appointment of Vastrad as a secretary of Jagadguru Murugharajendra Vidyapeeta, who was appointed by Murugha Sharanaru."

BJP leaders scared of Gandhis, says Shivakumar

EXPRESS NEWS SERVICE
@ Mysuru

KPCC president DK Shivakumar on Sunday hit out at the BJP saying the party was harassing and targeting the Gandhi family "as the Conrgess leaders are growing stronger and would unseat the saffron party from power."

Addressing Congress workers ahead of the party's Bharat Jodi Yatra here, Shivakumar said AICC interim president Sonia Gandhi and Wayanad MP Rahul Gandhi are not worried about the charges levelled against them by the BJP and are ready to go to jail just like former Prime Minister Jawaharlal Nehru who was imprisoned by the Britishers before independence. Shivakumar said Rahul asked him about his experience in jail and told him that he is not scared to go to jail.

He also hinted at Congress leader Priyanka Gandhi joining Rahul in Bharat Jodo Yatra in Mysuru on October 2. Referring to the success of CLP leader Siddaramaiah's recent birthday celebrations (Siddaramotsava) in Davanagere, he said, "People reached the venue in thousands of buses. We also saw massive support for our Mekedatu padayatra. All these programmes have shaken the BJP. A low turnout for the Bharat Jodo Yarta will be an insult to Siddaramaih and myself." He said Congress workers from all the four Assembly constituencies in Mysuru city should put in efforts to get morning workers, civil society members and students participate in the yatra. "Ensure 25,000 people walk along with Rahul from Mysuru to Srirangatpatna," he told the workers. Accusing that the BJP has made Karnataka the "corruption capital of India", Shivakumar said there is a Congress wave in Karnataka.

Shivakumar, who has been busy organising the yatra, is down with fever. Doctors have advised him to take rest. KPCC working president R Dhruvanarayan is also not keeping well.

Congress leader Siddaramaiah interacts with a woman during a Congress workers' meeting in Mysuru on Sunday | EXPRESS

'Anti-conversion Bill passed to target Minorities'

Mysuru: CLP leader Siddaramaiah on Sunday attacked the BJP State Government for passing the Anti-conversion Bill, saying it was passed to target the Minorities and create a sense of fear among them. "The Bill was passed with ulterior motives. The government has been falsely claiming that conversions have increased. They are targeting the Minorities. Dalits, OBCs, Minorities, and the poor are unhappy with the BJP's rule," he said. Alleging that there was rampant corruption under the BJP rule in Karnataka, Siddaramaiah said, "Even in recruitment of police sub-inspectors there was corruption to the tune of Rs 300 crore. The state contractors' association has written to PM Narendra Modi over the '40 per cent commission'. But Modi who said 'Na Khaunga, Na Khane Dunga' is silent." ENS

An auto driver from Thiruvananthapuram won the Thiruvonam Bumper Lottery that carries a jackpot of ₹25 crore. Anoop B, 32, is a native of Sreevaraham. "I was planning to go to Malaysia to work as a chef. Now, I plan to open a hotel," he said

RAIN FURY RUINS CROPS, DREAMS

TEAM TNIE

FARMERS in Ron and Naragund in Gadag district invested all their money to grow sugarcane, cotton, sunflower, wheat and other crops. They were about to harvest the produce this month, but the incessant rain brought ruin and despair.

This is the predicament of lakhs of farmers across Karnataka, who have been impacted by heavy rain and flooding, and are facing humongous crop loss.

According to officials in the agriculture department, crops standing on 10,06,461 hectares have been damaged -- this includes 8,91,197 hectares of agricultural crops, 1,03,254 hectares of horticulture crops and 12,014 hectares of plantations.

Gadag's 14 villages witnessed complete crop loss on a total of 96,000 hectares, with fertile soil being washed away. But the actual crop damage in the district is yet to be estimated. Farmers are panicky about their future, as they don't have money to repay loans, let alone spend on their children's education or weddings.

A farmer in Shirahatti village in Gadag says, "Most farmers lost their incomes due to continuous rain for the past two weeks in the district. All the crops were damaged. If the situation continues, we will face financial ruin as we don't have money to invest in the next season, and it is very difficult to arrange money. Government officials make many promises, but how many of us will get proper help?"

This is the fifth time villages in the district are getting inundated due to rain and water release from the Naviluteertha dam in August and September. The state government has provided houses to all villagers under Awas Yojana by creating new villages (some are yet to get) but water has been entering their farms. Farmers at Ron and Naragund say water released from the Malaprabha last week forced them to stay away from their fields.

Ron Tahsildar Vani Unki said, "We visited the flood-affected villages and I have instructed officials to do the needful. We have also warned people not to go near Bennehalla and Holealur river."

Trapped in debt circle

Sannegowda, a farmer in Kattaya village of Hassan district, took a crop loan of Rs 50,000, and Rs 1.50 lakh from a money lender by pledging gold kept for his daughter's wedding. The standing crops of maize, green chilli and tomato, grown on 1.5 acres, were destroyed due to heavy rain and flooding. "Now how can I repay the loan borrowed from the moneylender? How can I get back the gold ornaments for my daughter's wedding?" he laments.

The inter-ministerial Central study team, constituted to assess crop loss and damage, has not visited Hassan district.

Standing crops, including paddy, ginger, potato and maize have are lost. Pepper and coffee have been damaged in Alur, Sakleshpur and Belur taluks in Malnad, as heavy rain lashed the district almost continuously for 20 days.

The farmers allege that the state and Centre neglected the agriculture-based district of Hassan where 20 tanks, including five major ones, breached in Channarayapatna and Arasikere taluks.

Sources say standing crops over 700 acres have been destroyed, 250 houses and 125 government schools were partially damaged and 30 houses collapsed in the district. About Rs 168 crore worth of public and private properties, including standing crops, were damaged.

BIG PICTURE

Despite that, the Central team omitted Hassan district from its tour programme while visiting the adjacent districts of Mysuru and Chamarajanagar, drawing ire from Belur MLA KS Lingesh, Holenarasipur MLA HD Revanna and Sakleshpur MLA HK Kumaraswamy.

Running short of fertilisers

The farmers were put to hardship even to get adequate volumes of fertilisers, and curse the agriculture department for failing to provide enough fertilisers in time.

Criticising elected representatives for neglecting farmers, Narasaiah, a potato and ginger grower of Shantigrama, says the government is yet to compensate their crop losses. Farmers of Shivamogga district, who lost their crops to excess rainfall, are demanding crop loss compensation soon. They allege that with excess rainfall, farmers who are dependent on one particular crop for their livelihood have lost the sole source of income, forcing them into daily wage work for their families' survival.

According to data from the agriculture and horticulture departments, a total of 3,290 hectares suffered crop loss, worth Rs 233.39lakh, in Shivamogga district. Among the crops, maize and paddy are the most affected -- 2,300 hectares of maize and 894 hectares of paddy were lost.

Syed Rehmatulla, a farmer from Ramanagara village of Shivamogga taluk, told TNIE that he lost maize cultivated on 10 acres of land. He also cultivated ginger on two acres, worth Rs 7 lakh, which was affected by heavy rain. "We are clueless about our future. All our crops failed due to excess rainfall. We have to wait till next year as we are dependent on one crop a year. We don't even have a borewell. We are not able to repay loans, and with no income, we have to turn to daily wage work. Fearing a financial crisis, we admitted our children to government schools instead of sending them to private educational institutions as we can't afford donations," he said.

He claimed he has not received a single penny from the government in compensation so far, and doubts that an adequate amount will ever be given. He alleged that the government is not trying to make the lives of farmers better, instead, it is raising prices of essential commodities. The farming community is the most affected by inflation, he said.

Dharwad district witnessed about 85 per cent more rainfall in a season, causing crop loss on 46,000 hectares. Navalgund and Annigeri taluks witnessed major loss due to heavy rain and floods.

So far, three people have died due to floods and 1,172 houses have been damaged. As much as Rs 4 crore has been deposited as compensation for over 2,000 farmers, the district administration said. This season, farmers had sown green gram, cotton and other similar crops, and are now in utter loss. Crops were ready for harvest, but were destroyed.

"We are finding it difficult to lead a normal life. Compensation will not even be adequate to pay our loans," says a farmer from Navalgund.

Meagre crop compensation

Meanwhile, Harish Madappa, secretary, Kodagu Growers' Federation, says crop compensation released under the National Disaster Response Force (NDRF) scheme is meagre. "The NDRF compensation amount was fixed years ago, and has not been revised. Fertiliser cost, labour expenses and other maintenance costs have shot up, but the grower is eligible only for a maximum compensation of Rs 36,000 for a maximum two hectare crop loss. Even MLAs and ministers' salaries have been hiked by 50 per cent in the recent past, but compensation amount has remained the same. This is adding fuel to our burning problems," concluded Harish.

In Chitradurga and Davangere, excess rain that lashed the districts till September 9 has dashed the dreams of farmers, who were expecting a good crop yield. Although the ground water level has improved, rain has multiplied their woes. According to the agricultural department, the district was expecting312.5mm rainfall, but this year, rainfall is 640.9mm, which is 105 per cent above normal rains.

The extent of crop loss was estimated at 69,209.80 hectares in rain-fed areas, and compensation of Rs 4,555.84 lakh is being demanded from the government. In irrigated areas, crops on 1948.67 hectares were lost, and Rs 250.44 lakh in compensation has been estimated. In total, the district lost crops standing on 71158.47 hectares, and total compensation of Rs 4806.27 lakh is expected.

Onion crop, standing on approximately 9,000 hectares, and groundnut in 8,000 hectares, are also damaged, dashing the hopes of farmers generating good revenue.

Mallikarjun, an onion grower at Dodda Siddavanahalli village, said, "With an intention of harvesting good crop, we sowed the seeds in June. However, the relentless rain for the past three years has devastated hopes of harvesting the onion crop, already hit by blight and bulb rot disease. I have suffered a total loss of Rs 20 lakh, which I got from banks, and hand loans from local financiers."

Inputs from Ashwini M Sripad/Bengaluru; Raghu Koppar/Gadag; Udaya Kumar BR/Hassan; Arpitha I/Shivamogga; Mallikarjun Hiremath/Dharwad; Prajna GR/Kodagu; & G Subhash Chandra/Chitradurga/Davanagere

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Agriculture Minister Patil says apart from compensation, farmers who have registered with insurance companies can also claim it. Farmers who have sown seeds and suffered damage can avail 25 per cent of the amount, and if sowing is done and is at the crop stage, they can avail the full amount. "We are appealing to farmers to get their crops insured. In Karnataka, there are more than 18 lakh farmers registered under insurance. Whoever has faced crop damage can apply," he says.

FERTILISER SHORTAGE, SUBSTANDARD SEEDS

Farmers across the state have been reporting shortage of fertilisers, too. However, Agriculture Minister BC Patil says there is no shortage of fertilisers. "Opposition is creating confusion and playing politics on this," he says. In the past three years, the vigilance section of the agriculture department seized substandard seeds and fertilisers worth ₹28 crore. This is the highest in the history of Karnataka. "Earlier, we had only two vigilance divisions, one at Belagavi and another at Bengaluru. Now we have four, with two more in Mysuru and Kalaburagi. We are committed to safeguard farmers," he said.KH Ravi, Joint Director, Agriculture Department, however, admitted that although there is no shortage of fertilisers, there are lapses in the fertiliser distribution system. Agriculture Minister BC Patil, however, says: "We have estimated a loss of crops grown on 7.62 lakh hectares across the state. The state government has released compensation in two instalments, ₹116 crore and ₹221 crore."

KODAGU HIT FOURTH CONSECUTIVE YEAR

This is the fourth consecutive year that growers and farmers of Kodagu are facing crop loss due to floods, landslides and incessant rainfall. "Our earnings have been wiped out, and most of us are repaying loans," laments Harish Madappa, a small grower and secretary of Kodagu Growers Federation. He says growers have suffered absolute crop loss since 2018. "Rain continues till October, and we cannot carry out maintenance work of the estates – which has affected the yield. To add to our growing woes, the rate of fertilisers is touching the skies. New and unknown brands of fertilisers are being sold at high prices, and we are unable to get the desired brand. Earlier, we used to mix the fertilisers ourselves, depending on the crops, as not all crops require all the nutrients in equal quantity. But now, we cannot use urea, potash or DAP, and are forced to buy unknown brands of fertilizers," he says, adding that cost of fertiliser has increased by 40 per cent and potash by 90 per cent in the past eight months.

Lack of toilets affects teachers, girl students

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The school was flooded on August 26, a week before the Gowri-Ganesha festival, after a small waterbody nearby breached.

Lakshmi, who has been working as a cook at the school for the last 20 years, said all the grains kept for mid-day meals was spoilt. "We cannot even enter the school as water is around four feet," she explained. "The school is in a low-lying area. Even if water is removed, it keeps entering from the nearby lake," she added. For drinking and cooking purposes, water is being sourced from local residents.

The classes are being held at Beereshwara Swamy Temple at Kattemane, which is in the middle of a residential area. Children of all classes are packed into a small space. For a few days, residents pooled in money and ration to prepare the mid-day meals. Some days later, authorities sent the foodgrains. With no place to prepare meals, Lakshmi is cooking at the house of a nearby resident. The students are also finding it difficult as there are no toilets, while some residents have allowed teachers and girl students to use their washrooms. The Education Department has started constructing a new building for the school. Students and teachers hope at least one classroom is ready in two months. "But the toilets are yet to be constructed at the new building. Education Department should construct toilets, otherwise many girl students will quit studies," a resident said.

NIA raids 38 places in TS, AP; detains 4 PFI activists

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NIA officials at Irfan Ahmed's house in Karimnagar on Sunday | EXPRESS

THE National Investigation Agency (NIA) on Sunday raided multiple places in Telangana and Andhra Pradesh in connection with a case linked to the Popular Front of India (PFI) for allegedly running terror training camps.

The sleuths of country's top counter-terrorist taskforce, who searched 38 locations in the two Telugu States, also detained four suspected PFI activists in Telangana for questioning and they include Shahid and Syed Sameer from Nizambad, Feroz Khan from Adilabad and Irfan Ahmed from Karimnagar.

These raids came two and a half months after the arrest of karate instructor Abdul Kader, along with three others, by the Nizambad police for allegedly training the minority youth to carry out terrorist activities. The case was initially registered by the Nizamabad police on July 4. The NIA took over the case on August 26 and grilled four persons arrested by Telangana police -- Abdul Kader, Sheikh Sahadulla, Mohammad Imran and Mohammad Abdul Mobin.

During interrogation, the NIA found that Abdul Khader's karate institution has reportedly received ₹6 lakh from PFI members and was training the youth to commit terrorist acts.

Abdul Khader's wife, however, rejected the statements of the Nizambad SP and DCP and said that her husband has been teaching karate even before she married him.

On Sunday, NIA searched 23 locations in Nizamabad, four in Hyderabad, seven in Jagtial, two in Nirmal and one each in Adilabad and Karimnagar districts.

During the searches, the NIA sleuths seized digital devices, documents, two daggers and ₹8.31 lakh cash.

EXPRESS READ

MySugar to start rolling today

Bengaluru: The second boiler of MySugar factory, a lifeline for farmers of Mandya, will start functioning from Monday. District in-charge minister K Gopalaiah said the factory will be fully operational between September 30 and October 2, when CM Bommai is due to visit the factory. It is planned to drill a few borewells so the factory gets an assured supply of water. He said if a dedicated pipeline is laid, the factory will have enough water in six months. The minister reviewed the factory's functioning with officials on Saturday. It may be recalled in a meeting, chaired by the DC, it was decided that sugarcane coming under MySugar's jurisdiction would not be taken to other factories. It is important to instil confidence in farmers by paying purchase amount on time.

Accident near Salem kills 6, injures two

Luggage loaded in the bus which was hit by a tipper truck, killing six | EXPRESS

Salem: Six people, including three of family, were killed when a tipper lorry mowed down a group of passengers loading their luggage onto a Chennai-bound bus on Salem-Chennai NH near Pethanaickenpalayam town panchayat office in Salem late on Saturday. The deceased are G Thirunavukkarasu, 61, resident of Kal Ottar Street in Pethanaickenpalayam, his wife Vijaya, 55, and son Ravikumar, 41; T Senthilvelan, 46, of Aragalur, Subramani of Kothambadi, and Deepan, 25, assistant driver of the bus and resident of Kallupatti. M Matheswari, 57, and her son Jayaprakash, 40, of Thulukkanur in Attur suffered injuries. Sources said the accident took place around 11.55pm as the private bus halted to pick up passengers. Some passengers were loading their luggage when a speeding tipper lorry from Salem bound for Attur rammed the bus on the right side.

No burial ground, Dalit woman laid to rest by roadside

BANSY KALAPPA @ Bengaluru

HANUMAKKA (75), a Dalit woman who passed away in Bijwara village of Madhugiri taluk in Tumakuru, had a long and troubled last journey on Sunday. Denied entry into the village burial ground, her wailing family finally laid to rest by the roadside, and conducted the last rites.

Dalit activists responded in anger, saying this is not a problem unique to this area, and that more than 1,000 villages and hamlets across the state do not have designated burial grounds for Dalits. Activist Vijay Sreenivasa said, "It has been a problem for a long time. There is no conviction among political parties to ensure dignity for Dalits. If there is no space, the government should buy land."

Dalit Janandolana activist Narasimha Murthy said, "There are about 200 villages in Tumakuru district, which have no burial grounds for Dalits."

Law and Parliamentary Affairs Minister and Chikkanayakanahalli MLA J C Madhuswamy said, "It has come to my notice. A person has claimed that land allocated for the burial ground is his.

I will hold a meeting with the Assistant Commissioner and officials to sort out the problem on Monday. Almost 90 per cent of villages have burial grounds. Today, someone had come to me from Sira with a similar issue."

Former District Minister of Tumakuru Dr G Parameshwara who was previously elected MLA from Madhugiri but is now MLA from Koratgere said, "I am aware of Bijwara which has about 150 Dalit houses, I will speak to the officials."

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EDITORIAL

"Who controls the past controls the future. Who controls the present controls the past" — George Orwell

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READING TOO MUCH MEANING IN MODI, XI COMMENTS ON WAR

There was nothing sharp or spectacular in Prime Minister Narendra Modi's opening remarks during his recent bilateral meeting with Russian President Vladimir Putin at Samarkand in Uzbekistan, where he said, "now is not the time for war." Putin knew what was coming. He acknowledged that Modi had made the point multiple times in their telephonic conversations earlier. Yet, Western media and policy wonks spun Modi's remark as a stinging rebuke of the Russian dictator, inferring that the cooperation Putin is getting from his allies is not total. A day earlier, Chinese President Xi Jinping, too, had brought up Ukraine during his bilateral with Putin, which the latter revealed in his press briefing. Putin admitted Xi had questions and concerns regarding the war. Would he have disclosed it had he seen in the concerns a subtle reprimand? Yet, policy experts in the West sought to read in Xi's statement about his willingness to work with Russia to demonstrate the responsibility of a major country, an implicit admonishment. In Xi's case, there was at least an element of surprise, as China had largely stayed silent on the invasion. Modi's anti-war line is well known. When, for instance, he had called up Putin in July last to urge him to pursue dialogue and diplomacy instead of conflict, it hadn't led to media spin doctoring.

The Western hair-splitting is perhaps due to its exasperation at the new normal as the war is turning out to be much more expensive and long drawn out than thought. It is sucking up billions of dollars in war financing and has also wrecked economies recovering from the post-pandemic trauma. The cost of commodities has shot up, fuelling runaway inflation, making many ruling dispensations unpopular and people's lives miserable. In the past, the West hadn't itself experienced energy deprivation when it lectured the world on climate change. Now, kicking and screaming, Europe is bracing for heat rationing at homes during winter as Russia has turned off its natural gas tap in retaliation against sanctions.

Putin might claim he wants to resolve the crisis soon, but there is no immediate endgame in sight. If anything, exhumed mass graves in recaptured Ukrainian territories bear testimony to the brutality of the invading forces, fuelling further anger. Chances of Cold War II dragging on is a distinct possibility we need to wrap our heads around.

VEDANTA & THE MISSING SPIRIT OF FEDERALISM

There was a time when railway ministers were accused of favouring their home states while launching new trains in railway budgets. Those memories came rushing back when Anil Agarwal's Vedanta Ltd decided to house its proposed semiconductor joint venture unit in Gujarat despite Maharashtra apparently providing the company with a better deal and an ideal ecosystem for manufacturing. Speculation is rife that intervention from New Delhi forced the last-minute change in favour of Gujarat. Impassioned arguments by Vedanta and its promoter Anil Agarwal to dispel those notions notwithstanding, they haven't managed to put a lid on the issue yet.

The controversy again brought forth troubling questions over growing fissures in Centre-state relationships. Till now, strains in the relationships were visible only in non-BJP states. That changed as in the Vedanta case, one BJP-ruled state was favoured over another. Given that the Central government has always promoted healthy competition among states, speculation that the Centre is taking projects from other states to Gujarat are not a good endorsement of cooperative federalism. Mumbai had earlier lost out to Gandhinagar in Gujarat in establishing an international financial services centre (IFSC). When in 2007 the Percy Mistry Committee had recommended setting up IFSC on the lines of Singapore, the then Prime Minister Manmohan Singh had apparently proposed Mumbai to house it. But after a change in government at the Centre in 2014, Gift City Gandhinagar was favoured in place of Mumbai. As the Gift City continues to attract foreign and domestic financial institutions with favourable tax laws and easier compliances, many fear Mumbai may lose out to Gandhinagar in the long run.

Centre-state relationships have been awkward ever since the implementation of GST. They worsened recently as the period for compensation promised to states under the GST ended in 2022. There are other issues as well. The latest is the debate over freebies. The prime minister terming freebies offered by some state governments as 'revdi culture' led to an eruption of protest by some states—particularly Tamil Nadu and Delhi. It is not that the Centre and states have not fought in the past during previous regimes. But recent events indicate the spirit of cooperative federalism is sorely missing. Merely paying lip service to it cannot be the way forward.

QUICK TAKE

AVOID ANTIBIOTIC ABUSE

The World Health Organisation calls for ending unsafe medication practices on world patient safety day. But the priority is to check the irrational use of antibiotics in developing countries, including India. Indians consumed antibiotics worth ₹500 crore during Covid in 2019, half of it unapproved, Lancet says. Ready availability, self-medication and blind prescriptions by quacks and even qualified doctors are the culprits. Antibiotic overuse leads to resistant bacteria that are difficult to treat. As a result, India today faces growing resistance to drugs. The government must strictly monitor antibiotics use in hospitals and introduce a prescription audit in private clinics.

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MAKING SENSE OF GDP GROWTH AND POVERTY

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India's aggregate GDP has become the fifth-largest in the world, overtaking the UK's. Any country's GDP is in its own domestic currency. In India's case, it is in rupees.

To make cross-country comparisons, that has to be converted into a common yardstick or numeraire, typically the US dollar. This can be done using official exchange rates, for instance, roughly 80 rupees to 1 dollar. However, 80 rupees can purchase more in India than 1 dollar can in the USA.

If everything could be freely traded, all prices would equalize across borders. Such free trade doesn't happen because some items cannot be traded. Economists refer to them as non-tradables. Services are an example. A haircut will be cheaper in India than in the USA. Hence, a notion of purchasing power parity (PPP) has evolved.

The fifth-largest aggregate GDP is based on official exchange rates. If PPP exchange rates are used for conversion, Indian GDP is already the third-largest, right behind China and the USA. A slightly flippant example of PPP is the Big Mac Index, based on how much a Big Mac burger costs in different countries. To compute PPP, we need data on prices in different countries through surveys.

There is an International Comparison Programme (ICP) to gather prices on a common basket of goods and services across countries and it is subject to criticism. There are also time-lags. Present PPP data, collected through Asian Development Bank, are actually from 2017. But to state the obvious, any PPP conversion will relatively increase aggregate GDP, compared to official exchange rates, for a country like India, and relatively decrease it for a country like the USA. There is no inconsistency in this. They measure different things.

Aggregate GDP is one thing, per capita is another ('capita' means head—as in decapitate, or capital punishment). Per capita GDP is aggregate GDP divided by population. It is the average income earned by every Indian. One could also say it is the average productivity of every working citizen. Source and year are important when citing any such figure, since they depend on exchange rates, vis-à-vis the US dollar.

Having said that, India's per capita GDP using official exchange rates (referred to as nominal exchange rates) is just short of $2,500, while the PPP figure will be a bit more than $7,500. As a thumb rule, if one multiplies nominal per capita GDP by three to get India's PPP per capita GDP, one will not be too far off. Whether official or PPP, this makes India a relatively poor country.

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In the World Bank's present classification of countries, India is a lower-middle income country (the present threshold, using official exchange rates, is $4,255 per capita). A rather pointless debate, especially on social media, has erupted regarding aggregate GDP rank versus per capita rank. They measure different things.

It isn't quite like 'the blind men and the elephant' debate. To stretch the analogy a bit—one measures the elephant's surface area, while the other measures some other part of the elephant's anatomy. Both tell us something.

In passing, everyone is aware of the work done by Angus Maddison and those who followed him, stretching back the historical GDP series for various countries. India's present geographical area isn't the same as it is in the Maddison-type calculations, for say, 1 CE. More importantly, there too, there is a difference between aggregate GDP and per capita. What is commonly quoted is the aggregate, not the per capita.

Similarly, there has been some unnecessary controversy about UNDP's recent Human Development Report (HDR) 2022 and India's HDI (Human Development Index) rank. Before that, there is a notion of a poverty line and poverty ratio (also known as head count ratio). A poverty line is defined as a minimum basket of consumption required to subsist. Using prices, this is converted into a minimum monthly per capita consumption expenditure figure. It is a minimum and nothing more than that.

When originally formulated in the 1950s, it was based on food (calories required), clothing and little else. This was based on private consumption expenditure. Health and education didn't figure, because it was presumed these would be publicly provided by the State. At that time, in 1951–52, when the first National Sample Survey (NSS) was conducted for consumption expenditure, the poverty ratio was around 45%.

Poverty lines aren't constant. As economies advance, more and more items are added to what is regarded as "minimum". For instance, currently, the US poverty line for a single-person household is around $13,600 US dollars, compared to India's average of $2,500. India's last official poverty line is one that was devised by the Suresh Tendulkar Committee.

The last such NSS survey, which provided data to compute poverty ratios once a poverty line was fixed, was for 2011–12. At that time, the poverty ratio was 25.7% for rural India, 13.7% for urban India and 21.9% overall (numbers vary from state to state and differ between rural and urban). Since then, we haven't had a NSS consumption expenditure survey (there is one which has just been started. The one in 2017–18 had methodological problems).

When talking about poverty, one shouldn't get bogged down by the transient effect of Covid-19. Such an exogenous shock pushes people who are above the poverty line down to below the poverty line. But this reverses itself once growth and employment recover. My guess is—in the absence of data it is no more than that, India's poverty ratio will be around 20% for rural India, around 13% for urban India, and an overall ratio of around 18%.

Poverty has declined, though one can legitimately argue that the decline should have been greater. Over time, declines aren't linear. But we should aspire for at least a 10% decline in poverty ratios every decade.

I shall delve into more on this and HDI in the next column.

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SUCH VARYING WAYS TO FINDING PEACE

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FAITHLINE

The International Day of Peace or Peace Day is observed around the world each year on September 21. Established in 1981 by a unanimous United Nations resolution, Peace Day provides a global date for all people to commit anew to peace, rising above differences, to help build a 'culture of peace'.

How may we promote a culture of peace at a personal level? Perhaps it is easiest done by embracing a life code of gentle and polite behaviour, by not talking too loudly, by not honking impatiently on the road, by letting people come out of the door before we crowd in, by greeting and thanking, and especially, by smiling. These are very small things to do but they de-stress the atmosphere, from which we benefit, too.

The formula to establish political peace is carefully calibrated by ancient Indian theory as 'sama, dana, bheda, danda'. In order, this means reconciliation, giving gifts, sowing division in the enemy ranks and finally, aggression. I don't know why they commonly muddle the order in parts of the country today as 'sam, daan, dand, bhed'. The expression is reduced to a euphemism for 'tried everything'.

But this usage spoils the moral march of these actions from peace to strategy to violence. 'Danda' or aggression comes last, only when other means fail. I think it tells us something, don't you, about how our ancestors opted for peace and reconciliation as the first option?

Two stories come to mind about finding peace, a divine one from theology and a political one from history. Both took place in Kangra in Himachal Pradesh, not far from the lovely river Beas, originally called 'Vipasha'. It is a river of tales that links us all. It has seen some interesting history. Alexander of Greece, for one, turned back from its west bank in 326 BCE. He called it the Hyphasis.

I discovered the site of an even older tale at the temple of Sri Kalinath Kaleshwar temple in Paragpur in Kangra. The town dates back to the 17th century and the temple is very simply built. But its site has been long revered.

The *sthala puranam* or founding legend of the site goes that once, Parvati turned into Kali to kill a demon but went on storming even after she had killed him. Shiva lay down in her path to stop her. She stepped on him in fury which shocked her back to normal, and she went away, greatly embarrassed. It is believed that it was here, at this site, that Shiva persuaded Parvati with many sweet words to come back to Kailash. He brought her out of her depression with his tact and diplomacy and took her home.

I knew the story but did not know that this was the place where Parvati had made up with Shiva and found peace. To my astonishment, South Indian *sadhus* of the ancient Niranjani Akhada were on duty there. They told me the *sthala puranam*. How far and wide is the steel web upholding 'Bharata khande, Jambu dvipe'.

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The other tale concerns one of the oldest royal houses of India, which went under the debris of time. Trigarta was an ancient kingdom that fought on the Kaurava side at Kurukshetra. Susharma, the Trigarta king, led a do-or-die squadron called the 'Samsaptaka' to capture Yudhishthira. But they were all finished off by Arjuna.

Just so had the Trigartas fought and lost to Rama in the Ramayana.

The Katoch Rajputs who claim descent from the Trigartas founded a kingdom in Kangra in present-day Himachal Pradesh. The first known Katoch *raja* was Bhumi Chand, and in the *Brahmanda Purana*, he is said to have built the original temple to Parvati later known as 'Jwalamukhi'. It is an important place of pilgrimage even today.

In the 15th century, a scion of the clan called Hari Chand founded another kingdom in these scenic hills called 'Guler'. Typical of kings, Hari Chand loved to hunt. Behold Raja Hari Chand then one fine morning, hunting deer in the thickly wooded hills around Guler Fort. His quarry led him deep into the forest and he left his companions far behind. He dismounted in a grove to look around for tracks. As he walked forward, his foot slipped and he fell into a deep, dry pit. His head struck a rock and he passed out. The forest grass closed over the mouth of the pit, hiding him.

His companions were shocked when his horse came back riderless. However, a frantic search in the forests yielded nothing. They sent to Guler Fort for reinforcements but were compelled at last to mourn Hari Chand as dead. His younger brother was crowned king.

Months into the new reign, Hari Chand suddenly returned, leaner, worn-looking and dressed in simple country clothes. He had been miraculously rescued by gypsies, healed and sent back. The courtiers cheered and the new king fell at his brother's feet.

But the Trigartas were not arrivistes at the game or new to power. Hari Chand refused to take his kingdom back. Life had ordained that his younger brother should be king. It seemed both wrong and impractical to take it away when the court had realigned itself to its new ruler as any system will under a new head.

"Have we not seen and heard enough of brother fighting brother?" he said with an affectionate smile to his amazed younger brother and court. "With your permission, I will make another fort for myself below Guler down by the river."

With this diplomatic move and with maximum damage control, he averted the messy possibility of a fratricidal war. He made his brother his ally, not enemy, employing 'sama' and 'dana'.

The *rajguru* and prime minister forbore to meet each other's eyes and looked at Hari Chand with respect. This was a royal retrieve indeed and a bad situation had been nearly side-stepped.

There must be other such stories about the culture of peace although 'history' seems to be mainly about war-mongering.

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Ode to Mother Nature

Apropos of *A team effort to take Theni back to the roots* (Sept 18). It is gratifying to read about the Vizhuthukal Youth Club's social service. Founded by S Pandi, the volunteers are engaged in desilting water bodies, planting saplings, and working towards making the environment clean. My grand salute to The New Indian Express for bringing out such an inspiring article!
S Vaithianathan, Madurai

Protecting cheetahs

This is with reference to *Cheetahs arrive in style* (Sept 18). It is good news that the Indian government released eight cheetahs into the special enclosures at the Kuno National Park. This is especially important because cheetahs have been extinct for seven decades!
P Victor Selvaraj, Palayamkottai

Modi's strategy

This is with reference to the news, *Not time for war, Modi tells Putin* (Sep 17). The way PM Modi skillfully conveyed to Putin that "Today's era is not of war", and Putin's equally positive response, shows that there may still be some hope. Hopefully, the war will end soon.
Dharmarajan A K, Thalassery

India will reign in sports

This is with reference to *India bid under PM Modi to become sports superpower* (Sept 17). P V Sindhu has rightly lauded the PM's ardent focus on making India shine on the global sports stage. His holistic policy will surely usher Team India to greatness, and we will have an abundance of medals in no time in our kitty!
Ramalingeswara Rao, email

Not a freebie, but duty

M K Stalin's breakfast scheme for children from first to fifth standard is laudable! He is absolutely right when he says that such a scheme is not a freebie but the government's duty. There are so many children in our country today who go to bed hungry. With health problems like malnutrition and stunting, the potential of the youth in India is depleting. Therefore, such a scheme can really turn things around. Kudos!
Dr D V G Sankararao, Vizianagaram

Celebrating what, really?

As a citizen living in Telangana, I am happy about the celebrations by both the Central and state government of the erstwhile Hyderabad State's merger into the Indian Union. What confuses me and many others is the variation in names. While the Centre calls it 'Hyderabad State Liberation Day', the state government calls it 'Telangana National Integration Day'. Why can't it be jointly celebrated?
T Kailash Ditya, Hyderabad

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TWEETS OF THE DAY

Rahul Gandhi @RahulGandhi
Without harmony, there is no progress. Without progress, there are no jobs. The #BharatJodoYatra is uniting the voices of despair.

Sitaram Yechury @SitaramYechury
True freedom means freedom from all kinds of oppression. The Telangana struggle put land reforms firmly on the agenda of independent India.

Nitin Gadkari @nitin_gadkari
From rescue operations to Covid diplomacy. GoI is leaving no stone unturned towards taking #NewIndia to the top of global political arena.

NSCN team in Delhi today to resume peace talks

It has agreed to take talks forward on condition that they are based on Framework Agreement signed in 2015

MAYANK SINGH @New Delhi

A delegation of insurgent group National Socialist Council of Nagalim (NSCN-IM) will leave for New Delhi on Monday to discuss some "unresolved matters" with central government officials on Tuesday.

The NSCN (IM), which had earlier raised the issues of Flag and Constitution, is keen for talks with the Centre based on clauses and promises made in the Framework Agreement of August 3, 2015.

The NSCN (IM) delegation is likely to meet Central leaders and representatives on September 20.

Former Nagaland Chief Minister T R Zeliang, who is the chairman of ruling United Democratic Alliance in the state, said that the NSCN-IM agreed to resume the process respecting a request of the Core Committee on Naga Political Issue.

The Nagaland government-constituted Core Committee and a team of the NSCN-IM had met on Saturday.

T R Zeliang, the co-convenor of the core committee, said, "The NSCN has agreed to resume talks on the condition that they are based on the Framework Agreement and the formulation papers submitted to N N Ravi and A K Mishra,"

In September 2021 Mr R N Ravi was succeeded by Mr Mishra, a former special director of the Intelligence Bureau, as the Centre's interlocutor for the Naga peace process in September 2021. Ravi happens to be the Governor of Tamil Nadu.

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Recently, a Nagaland government delegation, led by Chief Minister Neiphiu Rio, had visited Delhi and met Union Home Minister Amit Shah to impress upon him to resolve the problem early. He, however, pushed the ball in the Nagaland government's court by asking the Naga leaders to try and convince the NSCN-IM to sign the final agreement.

The Rio-led coalition government is acting as a facilitator for early solution to the Naga issue. Zeliang reiterated it by stating that the Core Committee, which is made up of legislators, was only conveying the feelings of the Nagas and the Centre to the negotiating parties.

The Naga solution hangs fire ostensibly as the NSCN-IM has stuck to its guns on the "non-negotiable" demand of Naga flag and constitution. The Centre has already rejected it.

The government held separate peace talks with the NSCN-IM and seven groups which came together under the banner of Naga National Political Groups (NNPGs). The process of talks has already concluded.

The Nagaland Core Committee initially proposed to meet the Naga rebel leaders after September 22 when the assembly session would end. However, in between due to certain developments the meeting was advanced and held on Saturday, September 17.

In a major development on Sept 13, the two rival camps NSCN (IM) and NNPG came together and signed a joint statement stating – "We are aware of our differences" and therefore all individuals and organisations should "refrain" from all forms of "rhetoric, assumptions and agendas that are divisive".

Unlike the NSCN-IM, the groups in the NNPGs are flexible. They say the contentious issues could be pursued post-settlement.

Meetings with PM and Home Minister

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POWER GAMES

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National Security

IS NSA AJIT DOVAL PLANNING TO HANG HIS BOOTS?

National Security Advisor A K Doval, whose tales of heroism, and the punishing routine followed by him are among the most widely discussed topics in the informed circles of New Delhi, has reportedly decided to slow down. The 1968 batch IPS officer, who will turn 78 in January next year, has recently been facing health issues, sources said, and added that the chain-smoking super spy has since quit smoking. Doval has had a spectacular stint at the National Security Council Secretariat. Relations and coordination with top foreign spy agencies have never been better, and the situation in neighbourhood has not been bad except for the Chinese belligerence. There is a buzz in New Delhi that Doval may decide to hang his boots while he is still at the top of his game and enjoying the confidence of his boss Prime Minister Narendra Modi.

Team 2024

PM LIKELY TO RESHUFFLE CABINET AFTER SHRAADH

Prime Minister Narendra Modi is likely to reshuffle his ministers after the end of the ongoing inauspicious period of Shraadh on September 25. The reshuffle was to take place after the end of the monsoon session of Parliament in the second week of August but got delayed. Sources said about half a dozen ministers are likely to be dropped. The Prime Minister has been keeping a close eye on the performance of his ministers and some of them have not performed to his satisfaction. While undertaking the shake-up, the Prime Minister will be guided by the idea of getting his ministerial team ready for the 2024 Lok Sabha election where he is looking to score a hat-trick. Caste and regional fine-tuning will, therefore, be the dominant theme, along with performance. The PM has already rejigged the party organization by giving his key men charge of different states. These new incharges have been asked to prepare the ground to deliver a maximum number of seats from their respective states.

Gaining Paradise

AZAD, SAJJAD, BUKHARI MAY GIVE BJP ITS FIRST J&K CM

The BJP is working hard to get its first chief minister in Jammu and Kashmir. The party wins most of the seats in the Hindu-dominated Jammu-Udhampur region, but has failed to make headway in the Muslim-majority Kashmir Valley. Over time, it has formed alliances with both the dominant parties of J&K, namely the National Conference and the People's Democratic Party, but has remained a junior partner in the state government. Three things have happened since the last assembly elections that have filled the party with the hope of getting its first chief minister. First, the state elections will be conducted under the supervision of the centrally-controlled Lieutenant Governor. Two, the delimitation commission has recently added six more seats to the Jammu region, bringing it almost at par with Kashmir. Jammu had 37 seats earlier. With the creation of six new constituencies in the region, the total number of seats in Jammu has gone up to 46. In contrast, the delimitation commission created just one more constituency in the Valley, taking the total number of seats there from 46 to 47. Third, and the most important reason for the upbeat mood in the BJP is that it has made new friends in the valley who may be willing to accept its dominant role. Among them are Sajjad Lone of the People's Conference, Altaf Bukhari of the Jammu and Kashmir Apni Party, and Ghulam Nabi Azad, who is yet to announce his new party. While the first two have already announced that they have no problem working with the BJP, Azad may soon follow suit. Restoration of full statehood would be the main poll plank of the pro-BJP Kashmir parties.

Ramesh slams PM, says Project Cheetah was initiated by UPA govt

EXPRESS NEWS SERVICE
@New Delhi

CRITICISING Prime Minister Narendra Modi for claiming credit for reintroduction of cheetahs in India, Congress General Secretary Jairam Ramesh on Sunday said that the Project Cheetah was launched in 2009. The Congress leader tweeted a letter, which he had written to MK Ranjitsinh of the Wildlife Trust of India (WTI) in 2009 as the minister for Environment and Forests (MoE&F) conveying his approval for preparation of a roadmap for the reintroduction of the Cheetah and include a detailed analysis of different potential sites.

> Even by his own standards, the Jagatguru of Jhooth has hit a new low today. His claim that for decades nothing was done for cheetahs is a blatant lie!
>
> JAIRAM RAMESH, Congress leader

Ramesh also called Modi a 'pathological liar' in reply to his allegations that 'no constructive efforts' were made by the previous governments to the reintroduction of big cats in India since its extinction in 1952.

"This was the letter that launched Project Cheetah in 2009. Our PM is a pathological liar. I couldn't lay my hands on this letter yesterday because of my preoccupation with the Bharat Jodo Yatra," Ramesh tweeted.

Modi had made the remarks after releasing three of the eight cheetahs flown in from Namibia into special enclosures in the Kuno National Park (KNP) in the Sheopur district of Madhya Pradesh.

On Saturday, Ramesh also shared a clipping of new articles he had written on reintroduction of cheetah.

"Even by his own standards, the Jagatguru of Jhooth has hit a new low today. His claim that for decades nothing was done for cheetahs is a blatant lie! In this article, I have documented the efforts over the years," his tweet read.

"I have received your letter dated September 28 and October 6, 2009. Please go ahead and prepare a detailed roadmap for the reintroduction of the Cheetah," reads Ramesh's letter to Ranjitsinh.

2.5K defence related patent applications filed since 2018

MAYANK SINGH @New Delhi

THE work towards indigenisation and innovation into the defence manufacturing is bearing results with the number of patent applications filed particularly in areas of design in the recent years crossing the numbers of the same filed till four years back.

Detailing about such applications, sources in the defence establishment said, "The new Make in India in defence as part of Atmanirbhar (self-reliant) Bharat policy is particularly strong on design. In fact, because of the indigenous technology development efforts, more than 2500 number of patent applications have been filed during the last four years in comparison to 1700 number of cumulative applications filed from inception till then."

Such efforts are likely to have huge impact on development of defence platforms to meet the growing and futuristic requirement of our Armed Forces, the source added.

Not only has there been a push towards innovation with tie ups with Indian Institute of Technologies (IITs) and other academic institutions, provisions jave also been made in the budgetary allocation towards research and development.

Push provided by Atmanirbhar policy

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Beginning with the financial year 2022-23 the Defence R&D has been opened up for industry, startups and academia with 25 per cent of defence R&D budget earmarked. Private industry will be encouraged to take up design and development of military platforms and equipment in collaboration with DRDO and other organisations through SPV (Special Purpose Vehicle) model. An independent nodal umbrella body will be set up for meeting wide ranging testing and certification requirements.

A focused approach is being followed towards the modern technologies, the sources added, saying, "The non-hackable quantum channel created by our start-up with a hop of 150 km on a terrestrial optical fibre infrastructure, which betters the 90 km of similar hop achieved in the world." Alos, the Drone swarms of 1000 drones showcased during this year's 'Beating the Retreat' is now aiming at 3500 drones in next few months, something which would be beyond what any other country has been able to achieve thus far.

The other area, the sources said, being cranked up is the manufacturing capacity.

Keeping the order for 83 LCA Tejas (73 LCA Tejas Mk-1A fighter aircrafts and 10 LCA Tejas Mk-1 Trainer aircrafts) to be inducted in Indian Air Force the Hindustan Aeronautics Limited (HAL) has worked to "manufacture 16 fighters a year". "HAL is in a position to further enhance the rate of production up to 30 aircrafts per annum for any additional operational requirement and is now gearing up to manufacture for the international market."

Tourism ministry to identify key areas behind low world ranking

PARVEZ SULTAN @New Delhi

CONCERNED with the country's low ranking in global travel and tourism index (TTDI) over the years, the ministry of tourism is set to launch an exercise to conduct a gap analysis and identify the key areas in which India is lagging. During the process, it will also identify and develop indicator wise action plans. It has planned to set up a project monitoring unit (PMU) for the purpose. The division will also communicate and follow up with the concerned ministries or departments to ensure performance improvement in TTDI.

According to the officials, besides monitoring TTDI as per NITI Aayog mandates, the PMU will guide, assist, and help in the tourist destination assessment. Provide assistance to different research studies to be carried out on the behalf of by the ministry and follow-up actions will also be the job profile of the proposed unit. The division will prepare mid-term or short-term action plans and interventions with prime focus on improving India's rank in 2023 index. It will also work out a long-term action plan aiming at improvement in 2025 ranking.

G Kishan Reddy

MINISTRY'S PROJECT MONITORING UNIT

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India slipped to 54th place in 2021 TTDI, released in May, from 46th in 2019. Despite losing ranks, the country was on the top within South Asia. Japan was ranked at first place in the chart followed by the United States (US), Spain, France, Germany, Switzerland, Australia, UK, Singapore and Italy in the top 10.

Reports say that India ranks 33rd in the arena of better air infrastructure, 28th for port infrastructure. It has international openness ranked at 51st, natural resources ranked at 14th and cultural resources ranked at 8th place. India has advanced in many arenas such as business environment, overall T&T policy, enabling conditions, infrastructure, and information and communications technology.

The ministry has invited bids from empanelled agencies to set up the unit. The unit will need to prepare status /analytical reports of the progress of work done with respect to each index required for monthly meetings of the Sectoral Group of Secretaries and for other meetings related to the improvement of the performance of India's ranking as per need, said the ministry officials.

Process to label 'Centres of Excellence' begins

PARVEZ SULTAN @New Delhi

The Centre has initiated the process to designate 'Centres of Excellence' (CoEs) in urban design and planning, a scheme which was announced by the finance minister Nirmala Sitharaman in this years' Union Budget in February. The ministry of housing and urban affairs (MoHUA) has already finalised guidelines to identify institutions to be designated as the CoEs.

The selected institutions will be provided endowment funds of ₹250 crores each. Last date for sending submission is October 30.

According to the ministry, academic Institutes in India having a faculty of urban planning and urban design are eligible.

The CoEs are expected to make suitable institutional and organisational arrangements within their frameworks to maintain the highest standards of leadership in urban planning and design, develop high quality research and projects that improve urban planning outcomes. They will also foster industry academia, government and civil society partnerships, and ensure the delivery of certified training, said the guidelines.

The guidelines also say that as a 'Centre of Excellence', the Institute will aim to become an 'Institute of International Repute' in Urban Planning and Design and serve as an interdisciplinary platform in the field of urban planning, urban design, and allied fields.

A reputed urban planner will head the CoE. A team of experts, advisors, consultants and administrative staff will assist him.

Sitharaman had announced that for developing India specific knowledge in urban planning and design, and to deliver certified training in these areas, five existing academic institutions in different regions will be designated as CoEs.

To steer the process of identifying and designating institutions as CoEs, a committee comprising officials from MoHUA, Department of Higher Education (Ministry of Education), NITI Aayog and leading domain experts was constituted. The committee set up a due process for the identification and subsequent designation of CoEs from amongst premier academic institutions.

The CoEs will also organise training and allow research opportunities for various government, non-government and private organisations to create an eco-system of well informed city decision makers.

The Centre is focusing on various measures for more planned development of cities. This year's budget spoke of better town planning, transit-oriented development, and modernising building bylaws, among other measures.

"The five centres will be selected based on their work in these crucial areas and their experience in working on projects with government agencies," an official said.

Hunt for institutes of repute

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Envisaged function of CoE

Maintain the highest standards of leadership in urban planning and design

Foster partnerships with urban local bodies, development authorities, state town and country planning organisations
Organise trainings and allow research opportunities

Provide technical support for all aspects of urban planning and design

Endowment Funding

An endowment fund of ₹250 crore will provided to each institution in one single chunk

The funds can be parked in a suitable investment option and the income generated out of its interest will be utilised to finance the activities at CoE

The endowment fund is expected to last for a period of 25 years, in which there will be a cap in utilisation of the principal amount for the first 20 years

The funds can be used for strengthening of infrastructure such as computers labs and remote sensing

Monitoring of the Functioning of CoEs

A framework of assessment will be developed to keep a check on the quality. MoHUA will be set up a monitoring mechanism at to ascertain the delivery by each institution

DISABITY CENTRES

Nine District Disablity Rehabilitation Centres across the country have been upgraded to include speech, visual therapy and psychologists among the facilities provided to the person with disabilty.

56 DISTRICTS TO HAVE MODERN PRISON VANS IN UTTAR PRADESH

INDIA	Max	Min		Max	Min
Ahmedabad	37	24	Bhopal	34	24
Jaipur	37	25	Amritsar	36	28
Chennai	35	26	Kolkata	34	26
Srinagar	32	27	Mumbai	34	26
Panaji	34	26	Patna	34	25
Lucknow	35	25	Port Blair	39	27
Imphal	32	22	Chandigarh	36	28

J'khand Assembly session to discuss domicile policy

1932-khatiyan based policy draws flak from various sections

MUKESH RANJAN @ Ranchi

IN a bid to ensure that the proposals of making the domicile policy based on the 1932-khatiyan, and giving 27 per cent reservation to the OBC are passed in the Assembly, the ruling alliance in Jharkhand is likely to call another special session before Dussehra.

The party wants to ensure that the proposals passed in the Cabinet become laws as soon, a senior Jharkhand Mukti Morcha (JMM) leader said, requesting anonymity. He added that the state government has also directed its MLAs to put across their points in the House along with the last survey reports.

State Congress Working Committee (CWC) member Bandhu Tirkey and JMM General Secretary Vinod Pandey have also demanded a session for the MLAs to express their views.

"The legislators will come to the Assembly and express their views so that a decision can be taken," said Tirkey.

Meanwhile, the 1932-khatiyan based domicile policy has drawn flak from within the ruling alliance. Congress MLA Poornima Neeraj Singh has called it injurious to the state, saying that it will lead to chaos in the state.

State CWC president and MP Geeta Koda also demanded immediate reconsideration of the proposal, and said that the final survey settlement of Jharkhand should be made the basis for defining domicile policy in the state.

Six get notices for objecting to domicile policy proposal

Six people have been issued notices by Sadar sub-divisional magistrate in Ranchi for allegedly making attempts to disturb peace after they objected to the 1932-khatiyan based domicile policy in Jharkhand. They have been asked to appear before the court in Ranchi on Monday with a bond of Rs 50,000 and two securities of the same amount. "We are against the proposal. Our forefathers have been living here for 70-80 years and you cannot debar us from Jharkhand just by implementing a law. It is an attempt to create fear among people like us, who took birth here," said Ram Kumar Yadav, who is among those who were issued notices. Similar attempts were made in 2002, and several lives were lost due to the violence that erupted after the move, he added.

Cong demands reconsideration

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MAHARASHTRA

Shinde cabinet to be expanded after Dussehra

SUDHIR SURYAWANSHI @ Mumbai

MAHARASHTRA Chief Minister Ekanth Shinde is likely to expand his cabinet after Dussehra. Many Shinde camp MLAs are eagerly waiting for the second phase of cabinet. Sources said that the various clubbed petitions are pending before the Supreme Court and the top court is likely to give clarity on the symbol of the party and who is real Shiv Sena on September 27.

"Once we get clarity, then we can have cabinet expansions after Dussehra. Things are still hazy now," said senior Shinde camp MLA requesting anonymity.

Interestingly, in the first phase of cabinet expansion, many ministers got the portfolios, but they had taken the charge of their respective departments citing 'Pitru Paksha' as a reason. Earlier, they delayed the taking charge due to Ganesh festival and now citing the reason of 'Pitru Paksh' – inauspicious months for any good work. Leader of Oppositions Ajit Pawar criticized such kind of dogmatic mind set of the minister for not taking charge in the 21st century. He said this delay has been hampering the government work and people are not getting help and their issues are not resolved on time as well.

Thackeray, Shinde camps in tug of war over Dussehra

SUDHIR SURYAWANSHI @ Mumbai

THE Uddhav Thackeray-led Shiv Sena and Maharashtra Chief Minister Eknath Shinde's faction are now at loggerheads over Dussehra rallies in Mumbai.

The Shiv Sena, since the time of Bal Thackeray, has addressed the Dussehra rally at Shivaji Park in Dadar. However, this year, Shinde's group, which calls itself the real Shiv Sena, has also sought permission from the civic body to hold the rally at Shivaji Park and Bandra Kurla Complex.

The Brihanmumbai Municipal Corporation (BMC) has given permission to Shinde's camp to hold a rally on the festive occasion at BKC, saying that they had applied before the Uddhav-led Shiv Sena.

"We have not taken any decision of giving permission to Uddhav Thackeray-led Shiv Sena to hold the rally at Shivaji Park. We have received two applications — from Shinde's camp and Thackeray's Sena — and so we have sought legal opinion," a BJP official said.

Meanwhile, Uddhav, in his meeting with party leaders, said that the Sena will not move to any other location at any cost. "We have been traditionally holding the Dussehra rally at Shivaji Park. Some people are trying to snatch the location from us, but come what may, we will have our rally at Shivaji Park only," Thackeray said.

Shiv Sena MP Arvind Sawant said the BMC has taken the easy route by granting permission to Shinde camp for BKC. "We came to know the BMC used the first-come-first-served criteria for permission for BKC venue. The same criteria and logic should be used for Shivaji Park as well, for which we were the first party to apply," he said.

New institute on lines of NITI Aayog

On the lines of NITI Aayog, Maharashtra government will set up its own policy-making Aayog called Institute of Transformation that will be independent and guide the government. Deputy CM Devendra Fadnavis said that they had a meeting with NITI Aayog CEO and his team on Sunday."The meeting was chaired by CM Eknath Shinde. We are keen to set up our own Institute of Transformation," Fadnavis said.

RANCHI DIARY

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Soren may approach SC to end uncertainty

In an order to clear suspense over his Assembly membership, Chief Minister Hemant Soren is likely to approach Supreme Court in a day or two seeking a copy of the opinion sent by Election Commission to Jharkhand Governor Ramesh Bais regarding the allegations made on him in the office-of-profit case against him. Soren on September 15 had also met the governor seeking a copy of the same but it was not provided to him even after two weeks. Party functionaries also said that Soren, during his one day visit to Delhi on September 16, met some of the prominent legal experts, including Kapil Sibal and P Chidambaram, to discuss the issue.

New sports policy launched in state

A CM Hemant Soren has introduced the new Sports Policy - 2022, which aims to remove obstacles from sports people's paths to success at national and international competitions. The last five-year policy framework in Jharkhand was created in 2007, hence the sports policy is the second one of its kind. The policy aims to establish the first sports digital database in the nation for all state players, establish a sports university, provide accommodations for athletes in employment and educational institutions, and directly hire state athletes for positions in the second, third, and fourth grades of the state government.

'1932-khatiyan policy harmful'

Many of the leaders within the alliance parties have begun raising their voices in opposition to the decision as the state government passed the domicile issue based on 1932 Khatiyan during the Cabinet meeting on Wednesday. The 1932 Khatian-based domicile policy proposal has been dubbed harmful to the state by Congress MLA Poornima Neeraj Singh, who claims it will cause the state to burn once more. Singh contends that the government need to make an effort to accommodate the needs of all social groups. Geeta Koda, an MP and the working president of the state congress, said that the policy is unacceptable.

Bicycle skills a must for peons' job

EJAZ KAISER @ Raipur

The Chhattisgarh Public Service Commission (PSC) is for the first time holding an examination to recruit peons. The exam, to be held on September 25, will consist of a written test of 150 marks in the first stage. Also, an essential criterion is that every candidate must know how to ride a bicycle.

With this selection process, the state government agency is going beyond its usual exercise to hold competitive examinations for selection of eligible candidates for various civil services and departmental posts. The exam to fill peon's posts will consist of multiple-choice questions with negative marking. The number of candidates selected for the second phase will be five times the vacancy. They will have to appear in another assessment test comprising composition writing carrying 50 marks. Also, all the applicants should be registered with the employment exchange.

According to the PSC, over 2.25 lakh youths have filled up the forms for the 91 advertised posts, for which the eligible educational qualification is class 8. For assessing the cycling skills, no trials will be conducted, and the candidates who clear the written examination will have to give an undertaking that they know to ride a bicycle.

Out of the 91 advertised posts, 80 are meant for the general administration department while the remaining candidates will be selected for the PSC office. "There will be an objective type and written examination but there won't be any physical evaluation to judge the cycling skill of the candidates," said J K Dhruv, secretary, Chhattisgarh PSC.

The objective type questions will test the knowledge of the candidates on general awareness about India and Chhattisgarh.

No experience in 'nithya pooja' says YouTube star priest

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KIRAN Anandh said although he lacks the experience of performing 'nithya pooja' in temples, he has been practising whatever he has learned as Vedic rituals in his life.

The couple's YouTube channel is named HARTT DUOS – HARTT stands for Health, Art, Tech and Travel – and contains, among other things, videos of their travels through Russia as well as neighbouring countries.

The channel has more than 18,900 subscribers and 179 videos at present. Being music lovers and talented singers, the duo has posted several videos to help viewers "understand music easier."

"We are planning to continue posting videos on YouTube. In collaboration with my friend, I may bring out a devotional music album," said Kiran, who is planning to set up an ayurveda clinic in Guruvayur once his term as melsanthi ends.

Holding 4kg rifles, 'BOLDs' women perform drill at Attari

HARPREET BAJWA @ Chandigarh

THE Border Lion Drill Squad (BOLDs) of the Border Security Force (BSF), which primarily comprises women constables, is now a new attraction at the Joint Check Post (JCP) at the Attari border. They perform this electrifying 10-minute drill with the illustrious.303 rifles at the renowned beating retreat ceremony along the Radcliffe Line between India and Pakistan.

A total of 33 BSF troopers, including 20 female and eight male constables, take part in the exercise. This unusual practise begins with a group formation of five women standing in five lines in front, while the others are behind them in a marching formation. When the parade leader issues the command, the women march while swinging their.303 rifles, which weigh approximately 4.7 kg each.

The commander, a lady, issues the order "Thum" as they approach the main dais, and they then report to the chief guest. The team then creates at least 10 different formations, including the Victor formation, Diamond configuration, and X formation, among others. The drill's main draw is that the BSF troopers build these formations while hurling and rotating their guns at one another. Since each female trooper is carrying two guns at once, she swings one with her left hand and the other with her right. Additionally, during the march by, they hurl the rifles back into the air, where the lady constable behind them picks them up.

The drill is a regular feature at Attari during weekend besides Republic Day, Independence Day, BSF Day and other important events.

Modu Dam the instructor of the drill said, "We trained these new lady recruits in 25 days The skills required are high level of physical fitness, agility and strength and the ability to control body movements effectively."

BSF IG Punjab Frontier, Asif Jalal said, "The JCP at Attari is a show window of BSF where thousands of visitors visit daily to witness the world renowned 'Retreat Ceremony' between Border Security Force and Pakistan Rangers. The exhibition of the magnificent drill and electrifying atmosphere makes it a must see destination for the visitors and inculcates a spirit of patriotism."

BROTHERHOOD

Tradition of keeping Muslim in puja panel continues

EXPRESS NEWS SERVICE @ Kolkata

SETTING up an example of brotherhood in Jalpaiguri in north Bengal, organisers of a Durga Puja give their Muslim neighbour berth in the puja committee as joint secretary. The tradition of including a Muslim person in the committee has been maintained for decades.

The committee also organises fishing competitions in a local waterbody before the puja and the money is distributed among the 200 Muslim families as puja bonus. The organisers wait for their minority neighbours to join them for bringing the idol of the goddess. The Muslim families participate in the festivity by donating fruits and distributing prasad among devotees.

Balapara, a non-descript pocket in Jalpaiguri is an example of communal harmony. The area is inhabited by 800 Hindu families and 200 families of minority family. This year, Fayzul Islam is the joint secretary of the puja committee. "We also join the festival. Like any other Hindu. We also feel the mood of the festival. We also buy new clothes on the occasion of Durga Puja and our children and family members share the joyous moments with others in same spirit," said Islam.

An artist gives final touches to an idol ahead of Durga Puja | PTI

Asim Roy, the other joint secretary of the committee, said, "I have been witnessing how all Muslim families get involved in the festival from my childhood. Here, we not only respect each other's religious beliefs but also participate in all festivals organised by the Hindus and the Muslims."

In Balapara, there is a mosque also. Babul Mohammad, Imam of the mosque, said, "We started enjoying the environment of the festival. When we see the empty pandal after immersion, we feel sad like our Hindu neighbours."

Mohammad pointed out that Islam never said that the Muslims cannot get involved in puja festivals as it says all religions are equal. Moinul Mohammad, a resident of the village, said his family donates fruit and sweet for the puja every year. "My son Ayush performs dance with dhunuchi (clay bowl filled up with coconut husks) during the prayer sessions every year," he added.

Pradip Tantra, a puja committee member, said Muslims do not get bonus from their workplace on the occasion of Durga Puja. "We arrange the fishing competition so that we can give them bonus to buy new clothes. Besides, they also join us to distribute prasad among the devotees. Our village is an example of India's inclusiveness," he said.

Kedarnath: Move to put gold on walls of sanctorum sparks debate

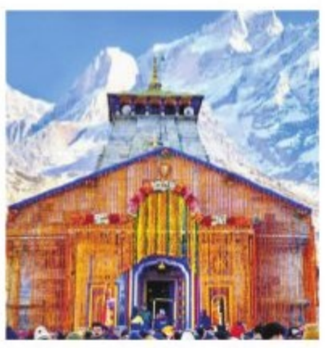
NARENDRA SETHI @ Dehradun

THE Badri Kedar Temple Committee's decision to add a gold coating to the walls of the sanctum sanctorum has been resulted as rifts between political parties and the temple's priest community.

The Congress has supported a portion of the priest community that is opposed to installing a gold coating on the walls in the sanctum sanctorum, but the temple committee and the community of priests as a whole are in favour of doing so.

Manoj Rawat, a former Kedarnath MLA, said, "Shiva is not a god who enjoys luxury. Shiva, in accordance with classical belief, favours 'bhasma' over 'gold'. The temple committee intends to violate Sanatan Dharma"

"Therefore, the government and the temple committee should take a decision only after discussions with experts," added ex-MLA Rawat.



Significantly, after the tragic flashfloods in Kedarghati in 2013, the Zoological Survey of India had clearly said that any tampering with the structure of Baba Kedarnath can prove to be dangerous for the future.

Two days ago, a fibre sheet caught fire in the sanctum sanctorum of the temple, against which the Congress has launched a campaign. Shri Badrinath Kedarnath Temple Committee chairman Ajendra Ajay has advocated the decision to offer gold, saying it is in line with the beliefs of Hindu mythology.

Chairman Ajay termed the news of tampering of the sanctum sanctorum of Kedarnath temple as part of the opposition's propaganda. He said, "Religious beliefs, traditions and advice of archeological experts are being fully followed in the matter."

"The temple committee has received approval from the state government to put gold sheets in the sanctum sanctorum of the Kedarnath temple on the recommendation of a Shiva devotee from Maharashtra, he added.

The sanctum sanctorum will be measured, among other things, in order to prepare and install the gold plates; no extra work is necessary.

He said that gold is currently used to beautify several significant Shivalayas, such as Somnath and Kashi Vishwanath, from the inner sanctum to the outer covering.

17
people killed in landslides triggered by heavy rains in western Nepal in the past 24 hours

GLOBAL WEATHER

LR: Light Rain • HR: Heavy Rain • SW: Snow • TDS: Thundershower • LC: Light Cloud • SNY: Sunny

Beijing	27	24	TDS	Los Angeles	37	23	LC
Colombo	29	26	LC	Melbourne	16	4	HR
Dhaka	32	27	TDS	Moscow	14	9	HR
Dubai	41	29	SNY	New York	31	20	LC
Houston	32	24	SNY	Singapore	31	26	TDS
Istanbul	26	16	LC	Toronto	22	16	LC
London	18	9	LC	Washington	31	19	LC

PRESIDENT MURMU PAYS TRIBUTE TO QUEEN IN LONDON

Visits Westminster Hall where the body of Queen Elizabeth II is lying in state | On a three-day visit to UK, Murmu is also set to attend the state funeral for the late monarch | Scotland Yard prepares for its biggest-ever single-day policing operation in London

Members of the public file past the coffin of Queen Elizabeth II, lying in state in Westminster Hall, in London on Sunday | AP

LONDON

PRESIDENT Droupadi Murmu on Sunday visited Westminster Hall in London, where the body of Queen Elizabeth II is lying in state, and offered tributes to the late British monarch on behalf of the Indian government and the people of India. "The President offered tributes to the departed soul on her own behalf and on behalf of the people of India," Rashtrapati Bhavan tweeted along with a video clip of the President at the Hall within the House of Parliament complex.

President Murmu was joined by Acting High Commissioner Sujit Ghosh at Lancaster House in London, where visiting world leaders are stopping by to sign a book of condolence in memory of Queen Elizabeth II who died aged 96 in Scotland on September 8.

Murmu, who arrived on Saturday evening, will join more than 500 world leaders and worldwide royals in a congregation of around 2,000 expected at the Abbey for a sombre ceremony starting at 11am local time and concluding with a two-minute silence around an hour later.

Ahead of Monday's funeral service, the president is invited to a reception hosted by King Charles and Queen Consort Camilla at Buckingham Palace.

All visiting heads of state, government and official overseas guests are expected at what has been described as an "official state event'.

Thousands of police, hundreds of troops and an army of officials made final preparations Sunday for the state funeral of Queen Elizabeth II ' a spectacular display of national mourning that will also be the biggest gathering of world leaders for years.

US President Joe Biden and other dignitaries are arriving in London for the funeral, to which around 500 royals, heads of state and heads of government from around the globe have been invited.

Thousands of people continued to line up around the clock to file past the queen's coffin as it lies in state at Parliament's Westminster Hall, braving chilly overnight temperatures and waits of up to 17 hours. The queen's eight grandchildren, led by heir to the throne Prince William, circled the coffin and stood with heads bowed during a silent vigil on Saturday evening.

The miles-long queue is expected to be closed to new arrivals later Sunday so that everyone in line can file past the coffin before Monday morning, when it will be borne on a gun carriage to Westminster Abbey for funeral. Monday has been declared a public holiday, and the funeral will be broadcast to a huge television audience. Police officers from the country will be on duty as part of the biggest one-day policing operation in the United Kindom's history. *Agencies*

CHINA GETS THOUSANDS OF ORDER FOR UK FLAGS

BEIJING

JUST Ninety minutes after Queen Elizabeth II died, orders for thousands of British flags started to flood into a factory south of Shanghai. More than 100 employees at Shaoxing Chuangdong Tour Articles Co. set aside other work and put in 14-hour days starting at 7.30 am (local time) making nothing but British-themed flags.

They turned out at least 5,00,000 the first week, according to general manager of the company Fan Aiping. Some are British flags to be carried by mourners or hung outside homes. Others show Elizabeth's portrait and the years of her birth and death. They range from 21 to 150 centimeters wide and wholesale for about 7 yuan each.

The first customer sent an order at 3 am for tens of thousands, according to Fan. She said 20,000 the factory had in stock were sent out that morning. "The customer came to our factory directly to grab the products," Fan said. "Many of the flags weren't even packaged." The factory had been making flags for the football World Cup before the Queen's death on September 8. Chuangdong has been in the industry since 2005 and produces flags for the World Cup and other sports events or national day celebrations. "There is a business opportunity behind every news event," Fan said.

A rescuer walks past the debris of a collapsed building after an earthquake in Hualien county, eastern Taiwan on Sunday | PTI

Strong quake in Taiwan traps people, derails train

TAIPEI

A strong earthquake shook much of Taiwan on Sunday, toppling a three-story building and temporarily trapping four people inside, stranding about 400 tourists on a mountainside, and knocking part of a passenger train off its tracks.

The magnitude 6.8 quake was the largest among dozens that have rattled the island's southeastern coast since Saturday evening, when a 6.4 quake struck the same area. There were no immediate reports of serious injuries. Most of the damage appeared to be north of the epicentre, which Taiwan's Central Weather Bureau said was in the town of Chishang at the relatively shallow depth of 7 kilometers.

The three-story building, which had a 7-11 convenience store on the ground floor and residences on the upper ones, collapsed in nearby Yuli town, the island's Central News Agency said. The 70-year-old owner of the building and his wife were rescued first, but it took longer to get to a 39-year-old woman and her daughter.

A photo showed the girl lying on a blanket and being handed down a metal ladder from the top of the debris by helmeted rescue workers in orange uniforms.

The top two stories of the building were left sprawled across a small street and onto the other side, with electricity wires pulled down by the fallen structure.

More than 7,000 households were reported without power in Yuli, and water pipes were also damaged. Shelves and musical instruments fell over at the Mount Carmel Presbyterian Church and a long crack ran down its floor. *AP*

SOUTH WESTERN RAILWAY

Tender Notice No. Auto_Fuse_13 locations
Dated : 14-09-2022

The undersigned, on behalf of the President of India, Invites Tenders for the following work:

Item of work	Approx. Value
Provision of Fuse Auto change over and alarm system at 13 locations over Bengaluru Division.	Rs. 20,25,315.96

Last date for submission of bids : Upto 15:00 Hrs. on 07-10-2022

For details log on: www.ireps.gov.in

Senior Divisional Signal and Telecommunication Engineer/Bengaluru

PUB/372/AAD/PRB/SWR/2022-23

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SOUTH WESTERN RAILWAY

Tender Notice No. 08 UBL 2022-23
Dated : 12-09-2022

The undersigned, on behalf of the President of India, Invites Tenders for the following works:

Sl.	Item of work	Approx. Value
1	Repairing Contract for Walkie Talkie Sets and VHF 25 Watt base stations of Motorola make over Hubballi Division (for a period of two years).	Rs. 5,76,224.50
2	Repairing Contract for Walkie Talkie Sets and VHF 25 Watt base stations of Kenwood make over Hubballi Division. (For a period of two years).	Rs. 6,21,386.80

Last date for submission of bids: Upto 11.00 Hrs. on 12-10-2022

For details log on: www.ireps.gov.in

Divisional Signal & Telecommunication Engineer Hubballi

PUB/370/AAD/PRB/SWR/2022-23

S.W.Railways SWRRLY SWRRLY

ಕರ್ನಾಟಕ ಸರ್ಕಾರ
(ಸಹಕಾರ ಇಲಾಖೆ)
ಸಹಕಾರ ಸಂಘಗಳ ಜಂಟಿನಿಬಂಧಕರು (ಬಿ.441), ಸೌಹಾರ್ದ ಸಹಕಾರಿಗಳ ದಾವಾ ಪಂಚಾಯ್ತಿ ನ್ಯಾಯಾಲಯ, ಮಾರ್ಗೋಸಾ ರಸ್ತೆ, ಮಲ್ಲೇಶ್ವರಂ ಬೆಂಗಳೂರು-560055

ವಾದಿ: ಮುಖ್ಯಕಾರ್ಯನಿರ್ವಹಣಾಧಿಕಾರಿ, ಶ್ರೀ ಸೀತಾರಾಮ ಮಂದಿರಂ ಸೌಹಾರ್ದ ಸಹಕಾರಿ.ನಿ, ಆಡಳಿತ ಕಛೇರಿ: ನಂ 15 & 15/1 ,ಎನ್.ಆರ್.ಕಾಲೋನಿ, ಕೆನರಾ ಬ್ಯಾಂಕ್ 1ನೇ ಮಹಡಿ ಬೆಂಗಳೂರು-560019.

ವ್ಯಾಜ್ಯ ಸಂಖ್ಯೆ : ಜೆ.ಆರ್.ಡಿ/ ಕ.ರಾ.ಸೌ.ಸಂ.ಸ.ನಿ/ 449/2022-23

ಪ್ರತಿವಾದಿಗಳು: 1. ಶ್ರೀ ನಿರ್ದೋಶ್ ಮಿಶ್ರಾ ಬಿನ್ ರಾಮಾಶ್ರಯ ಮಿಶ್ರಾ ಶ್ರೀ ಅವಧೇಶ್ ಮಿಶ್ರಾ ಬಿನ್ ರಾಮಾಶ್ರಯ ಮಿಶ್ರಾ, ವಿಳಾಸ: ನಂ 55/ಬಿ1 1ನೇ ಮುಖ್ಯರಸ್ತೆ , ಎಸ್.ಬಿ.ಐ ಬ್ಯಾಂಕ್ ಹಿಂಭಾಗ, ತ್ಯಾಗರಾಜನಗರ ಬೆಂಗಳೂರು-560028.

ವ್ಯಾಜ್ಯ ಸಂಖ್ಯೆ : ಜೆ.ಆರ್.ಡಿ/ ಕ.ರಾ.ಸೌ.ಸಂ.ಸ.ನಿ/ 450/2022-23

ಪ್ರತಿವಾದಿಗಳು: 2. ಶ್ರೀ ಅವಧೇಶ್ ಮಿಶ್ರಾ ಬಿನ್ ರಾಮಾಶ್ರಯ ಮಿಶ್ರಾ ಶ್ರೀ ನಿರ್ದೋಶ್ ಮಿಶ್ರಾ ಬಿನ್ ರಾಮಾಶ್ರಯ ಮಿಶ್ರಾ, ವಿಳಾಸ: ನಂ 55/ಬಿ1 1ನೇ ಮುಖ್ಯರಸ್ತೆ , ಎಸ್.ಬಿ.ಐ ಬ್ಯಾಂಕ್ ಹಿಂಭಾಗ, ತ್ಯಾಗರಾಜನಗರ ಬೆಂಗಳೂರು-560028.

ವ್ಯಾಜ್ಯ ಸಂಖ್ಯೆ : ಜೆ.ಆರ್.ಡಿ/ ಕ.ರಾ.ಸೌ.ಸಂ.ಸ.ನಿ/ 452/2022-23

ಪ್ರತಿವಾದಿಗಳು: 3. ಶ್ರೀ ಕಾರ್ತಿಕ್ .ವಿ ಬಿನ್ ಡಿ.ವೆಂಕಟೇಶ್ ಮೂರ್ತಿ ಶ್ರೀ ರಮೇಶ್ ಬಾಬು ಬಿನ್ ಲೇಟ್ ದೇವಪ್ಪ ಎ.ವಿ ಶ್ರೀಮತಿ ಪ್ರಭಾ.ಕೆ ಕೋಂ ಡಿ.ವೆಂಕಟೇಶ್ ಮೂರ್ತಿ ನಂ 61/4 ಶ್ರೀ ಲಕ್ಷ್ಮೀ ನಿವಾಸ 2ನೇ ಮುಖ್ಯರಸ್ತೆ, 7ನೇ ಕ್ರಾಸ್ ಪದ್ಮನಾಭನಗರ ಬೆಂಗಳೂರು-560070.

ಪ್ರತಿವಾದಿ 1 ಮತ್ತು 3 ಇವರ ವಿಳಾಸ ನಂ 18/1, 14ನೇ ಕ್ರಾಸ್ ಪದ್ಮನಾಭನಗರ ಬೆಂಗಳೂರು-560070

ವ್ಯಾಜ್ಯ ಸಂಖ್ಯೆ : ಜೆ.ಆರ್.ಡಿ/ ಕ.ರಾ.ಸೌ.ಸಂ.ಸ.ನಿ/ 451/2022-23

ಪ್ರತಿವಾದಿಗಳು: 4. ಶ್ರೀಮತಿ ಪ್ರಭಾ.ಕೆ ಕೋಂ ಡಿ.ವೆಂಕಟೇಶ್ ಮೂರ್ತಿ ಶ್ರೀ ರಮೇಶ್ ಬಾಬು ಬಿನ್ ಲೇಟ್ ದೇವಪ್ಪ ಎ.ವಿ, ಶ್ರೀ ಕಾರ್ತಿಕ್ .ವಿ ಬಿನ್ ಡಿ.ವೆಂಕಟೇಶ್ ಮೂರ್ತಿ, ನಂ 61/4 ಶ್ರೀ ಲಕ್ಷ್ಮೀ ನಿವಾಸ 2ನೇ ಮುಖ್ಯರಸ್ತೆ, 7ನೇ ಕ್ರಾಸ್ ಪದ್ಮನಾಭನಗರ ಬೆಂಗಳೂರು-560070.

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ಪ್ರತಿವಾದಿಗಳಿಗೆ ಪತ್ರಿಕಾ ಪ್ರಕಟಣೆ ಮೂಲಕ ನೋಟಿಸ್

ವಿಷಯಕ್ಕೆ ಸಂಬಂಧಿಸಿದಂತೆ ನಿಮಗೆ ತಿಳಿಯಪಡಿಸುವುದೇನೆಂದರೆ ಈ ಮೇಲ್ಕಂಡ ಪ್ರತಿವಾದಿಗಳ ದಾವಾ ಸಂಖ್ಯೆ ಕ್ರಮವಾಗಿ ಜೆ.ಆರ್.ಡಿ/ಕ.ರಾ.ಸೌ.ಸಂ.ಸ.ನಿ/449,/450/,452/,451,/2022-23 ರಂತೆ ಸಹಕಾರ ಸಂಘಗಳ ಸಂಯುಕ್ತ ನಿಬಂಧಕರು (ಬಿ441). ಸೌಹಾರ್ದ ಸಹಕಾರಿಗಳ ದಾವ ಪಂಚಾಯ್ತಿ ನ್ಯಾಯಾಲಯದಲ್ಲಿ ಸಾಲ ವಸೂಲಾತಿಗಾಗಿ ದಾವೆಯನ್ನು ಸಲ್ಲಿಸಿದ್ದು ನೀವು ಪ್ರತಿವಾದಿಯಾಗಿರುತ್ತೀರಿ. ಆದುದರಿಂದ ಈ ಮೂಲಕ ನಿಮಗೆ ತಿಳಿಯಪಡಿಸುವುದೇನೆಂದರೆ ಈ ಮೇಲ್ಕಂಡ ನ್ಯಾಯಾಲಯದ ಮುಂದೆ ದಿನಾಂಕ 26.09.2022ರಂದು ಬೆಳಿಗ್ಗೆ 11.30ಗಂಟೆಗೆ ಸರಿಯಾಗಿ ಹಾಜರಾಗಲಿ, ತಮ್ಮಿಂದ ನೇಮಕಗೊಂಡ ವಕೀಲರ ಮುಖಾಂತರವಾಗಲಿ ಹಾಜರಾಗಲು ಈ ಮೂಲಕ ತಿಳಿಯಪಡಿಸುತ್ತೇವೆ. ತಪ್ಪಿದಲ್ಲಿ ನಿಮ್ಮ ಗೈರು ಹಾಜರಿಯಲ್ಲಿ ಏಕಪಕ್ಷೀಯವಾಗಿ ಇತ್ಯರ್ಥ ಪಡಿಸಲಾಗುವುದು.

ಸದರಿ ಪ್ರಕಟಣೆಯನ್ನು ದಿನಾಂಕ 22.08.2022ರಂದು ನ್ಯಾಯಾಲಯದ ಸಹಿ ಮತ್ತು ಮೊಹರಿನೊಂದಿಗೆ ನೀಡಲಾಗಿದೆ.

ಸಹಕಾರ ಸಂಘಗಳ ಜಂಟಿನಿಬಂಧಕರು (ಬಿ.441),
ದಾವ ಪಂಚಾಯ್ತಿ ಸಂಯುಕ್ತ ನ್ಯಾಯಾಲಯ, ಕ.ರಾ.ಸೌ.ಸಂ.ಸ.ನಿ. ಬೆಂಗಳೂರು.
(ನ್ಯಾಯಾಲಯದ ಆದೇಶದ ಮೇರೆಗೆ)

IN THE COURT OF THE 27th ADDL. CHIEF METROPOLITAN MAGISTRATE AT BENGALURU
C.MISC NO. 5056/2022

BETWEEN : 1) D.M. SURESH S/O. LATE. B. MARULAPPA, Aged about 49 years, residing at No. 56, Sudina Mane, 2nd Cross, 7th E Block, Krishna Garden, Venkatadri Layout, R.V. College Post, BENGALURU 560059.
2) ASHOKA. D. M, S/O. LATE. B. MARULAPPA, Aged about 52 years, R/AT: No. 122, Sobha Zircon, Near Jakkur Flying Club, Jakkur Plantation, Yelahanka, BENGLAURU 560064.
3) BASAVARAJU. D.M, S/O. LATE. B. MARULAPPA, Aged about 47 years, Residing at No. 242, 7th Main, 8th Cross, MEI Layout, Bengaluru 560073.
4) SAROJAMMA, W/O. LATE. B. MARULAPPA, Aged about 73 years, residing at Dodda Ennegere at Post, Handanakere Hobli, Chikkanayakanahalli Handanakere, TUMKUR 572 119. **: PETITIONERS**
AND : The Commissioner Registrar of Birth & Deaths Rajarajeshwarinagar zone B.B.M.P-BENGALURU **: RESPONDENT**

PAPER PUBLICATION

WHEREAS, the petitioners named above have filed the above petition U/S 13(3) of Births & Deaths Registration Act, 1969, seeking an order for issue of Death Certificate of the deceased father named as the deceased herein named as B.MARULAPPA, S/o. LATE. BASAPPA as he died on 28.01.2019 at No. 56, 2nd Cross, Venkatadri layout, Pattangere, Bengaluru 560059. is required for the documentation purpose/Katha transfer and to maintain family statusquo, the same will be published in English News paper and Kannada News paper.

Any person interested and having any objection in the matter, may appear before the above court at 11.00 a.m on 31/10/2022 to which date the case is posted for hearing if not any body appeared before this court, order will be passed as Exparte.

Given under my hand and the seal of this court this the 17th day of September 2022.

BY ORDER OF THE COURT
Sd/- Sheristedar XXVII ACMM COURT

Advocate For Petitioners : Manjunatha. D. L, Bengaluru

PUBLIC NOTICE

General Public are hereby informed that my client Mr. Mohammed Yousuf Khan aged about 54 years. S/0 Mohammed Ahammed Khan, has lost original sale deed dated 07.03.1972, registered as Document No.282/1972-73, registered in the office of the Sub-Registered, Gandhinagar, Bangalore, in respect of Property bearing Municipal No. 69, situated at 3rd Cross, Kousar Nagar, R.T. Nagar post, Bengaluru-560032 (formerly Site No. 65, Mattadahalli), within the jurisdiction of Bruhat Bengaluru Mahanagara Palike old ward No. 98, New Ward No. 33, PID No. 98-25-69, while shifting home, if anybody found the said document please contact below mentioned address.

M.H. Patel, Advocate ,
No. C-/1 (UnitNo.11), Masjid-E-Aalla Complex ,
2nd Main Road, 2st Block, R.T. Nagar,
Bengaluru-32,
Cell: 9845436010
Date : 18-09-2022

PUBLIC NOTICE

FOR PURCHASE OF PROPERTY

NOTICE is hereby given that **Mrs. Vasantha Sundar Rajan** is willing to sell the schedule property in favour of my Clients **Mr. Murthy H.K & Mrs. Smitha G.C** free from all encumbrances. Any person having any right, title, interest, claim or demand of any nature whatsoever in respect of the said property, is hereby required to make the same known in writing along with the documentary proof thereof, to the below mentioned their Advocate **Bhojappa KK,** #14, 15th Cross, 1st "D" Main, MTS Layout, 2nd Stage, Kengeri Satellite Town, Bengaluru-60, within 10 days from the date of publication hereof, failing which the negotiations shall be completed, without any reference to such claims and the claims if any, shall be deemed to have been given up or waived.

SCHEDULE

All that piece and parcel of the Residential Property bearing Site No.189, BBMP Khata No.189/70/189, situated at Lokaseva Housing Co-operative Society Layout, Nagadevanahalli, Kengeri Hobli, Old Ward No.159, New Ward No.130, Bengaluru South, measuring East to West 43 Feet, North to South 261/2 Feet, in all measuring 11391/2 Square Feet and bounded on ;
East by : Property Site No.188, West by : Road, North by : Property Site No.190, South by : Road.

Contact : **Mr. Bhojappa KK,** Advocate
e-mail id: kbklawpoint@gmail.com
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PUBLIC NOTICE

This to inform that the undersigned is the original allottee of the schedule property from the Bangalore Development Authority. The BDA issued the original allotment letter dated 17/07/1981 in AL/BSK/158-x/III/K/IVPH/81-82. The said allotment letter was lost somewhere during the month of April 2014 and in this regard a police complaint dated 11/09/2022 has been lodged regarding the loss of the said document before the Bangalore City in Lost report No. 0317962/2022.

SCHEDULE

All that piece and parcel of the site bearing No. 158 X formed by the Bangalore Development Authority in Block No. Banashankari III stage, East of Kathriguppe IV phase measuring East to West 10.0+11.5/2 meters and North to South 9.12+8.9/2 meters in all measuring 96.75 square meters and bounded on **East by:** Site No. 134 and 133, **West by:** Road, **North by:** Site No. 157 X, **South by:** Site No. 159 X.

Sd/- **Narasimhalu Naidu**
No. 158 X, 4th phase, 4th main,
East of Kathriguppe, B.S.K. 3rd stage,
Bangalore-560085.

PUBLIC NOTICE

My clients Smt. Susheelamma wife of Late P.Pillappa aged about 70 years and Sri.P.Nagabhushan son Late P.Pillappa aged about 43 years, both are residing at Avalahalli Village, Bidarahalli Hobli, Bangalore East Taluk, Bangalore District executed a Deed of General Power of Attorney by appointing M/s. N.S.B REAL ESTATE PVT LTD, Represented by its Authorized Representative Mr.NARASIMHA MURTHY, No.134, Sector-41, Near Prayag Hospital, Noida-201301, Uttara Pradesh as Attorney in respect of immovable property as mentioned in the Schedule below and the same was registered as document No.BDH-4-00323/2011-12 stored in CD No.BDHD69 in Book No.4 dated 11.07.2011 in the office of the Sub-Registrar, Bidarahalli, Bangalore.

And Whereas for Personal reasons and considerations, it is become, necessity for my clients to revoke and withdraw all the powers given to the said Attorney and in that respect my clients already sent the legal notice to the said Attorney through registered post.

The General public is hereby informed not to deal, negotiate and interfere with the above said Attorney holder in respect of the above said GPA dated 11.07.2011 and Schedule property. Any person who deals, contacts, negotiate with the said Attorney in respect of Schedule property will be doing so at their own risk, costs and consequences thereof.

SCHEDULE

All the piece and parcel of the immovable property measuring 0-17 Guntas, situated in Survey No.73 of Doddabanahalli village, Bidarahalli Hobli, Bangalore East Taluk, Bangalore District and bounded on

East by : Property belongs to V.Parimala, West by : Property belongs to Srinivasappa, North By : Rajakaluve, South by : Medahalli Munivenkatappa

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PUBLIC NOTICE

My client Sri.P.Ganesh son of Late Pujari Chikkappaiah, aged about 51 years residing at Avalahalli Village, Bidarahalli Hobli, Bangalore East Taluk, Bangalore District, Bangalore-560049, executed a Deed of General Power of Attorney appointed M/s. N.S.B REAL ESTATE PVT LTD, Represented by its Authorized Representative Mr.NARASIMHA MURTHY, No.134, Sector-41, Near Prayag Hospital, Noida-201301, Uttara Pradesh as Attorney in respect of immovable property as mentioned in the Schedule below and the same was registered as document No.BDH-4-00324/2011-12 stored in CD No.BDHD69 in Book No.4 dated 11.07.2011 in the office of the Sub-Registrar, Bidarahalli, Bangalore.

And Whereas for Personal reasons, breach of trust and other considerations, it is become, necessity for my client to revoke and withdraw all the powers given to the said Attorney and in that respect my client already sent the legal notice to the said Attorney through registered post.

The General public is hereby informed not to deal, negotiate and interfere with the above said Attorney holder in respect of the above said GPA dated 11.07.2011 and Schedule property. Any person who deals, contacts, negotiate with the said Attorney in respect of Schedule property will be doing so at their own risk, costs and consequences thereof.

SCHEDULE

All the piece and parcel of the immovable property measuring 0-16.12 Guntas, situated in Survey No.73 of Doddabanahalli village, Bidarahalli Hobli, Bangalore East Taluk, Bangalore District

East by : Property belongs to Narasappa, West by : Veeranahalli Gadi, North By : Rajakaluve, South by : Property belongs to Medahalli Munivenkatappa

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PUBLIC NOTICE

The public are hereby informed that our clients Pankajakshi P w/o Late Chandrashekar B.C., aged about 72 years, and Nagaprasad B.C., aged about 39 years, are presently residing at No.44, 1st Main Road, Niityotsava Nilaya, Ramaiah Enclave, Bangalore-560029, hereby informs that **Page No. 6 of the original Sale Deed, bearing Document. No. 3063-90/91, Pages No. 86-90, Volume 1410, Book No. 1, Registered in the office of the Sub-Register, Jayanagar, Bangalore City on 18-1-1991, has been lost/misplaced.** Our clients have also lodged a police complaint No. 0316444/2022 online with Bangalore City Police about the aforesaid loss.

SCHEDULE

All that piece and parcel of the Immovable Property, New No.99/5 (Old No. 99), 6th Cross, Venkateshwara Layout, 58th Division Suddaguntepalya, Old PID No/Khatha/Surevey No. 63-86-5, **Bangalore-560093.** bounded as follows: -

East by : House bearing No. 100 belongs to Chunchamma, **West by :** The remaining portion of No. 99/5's property measures 18.1/2 x 28.1/2 feet, Purchased by Vardaraju, **North by :** House bearing No. 92 belongs to Nanjamma, **South by :** Road.

East to West Eighteen three-quarters (18.3/4) feet; North to South: 28.1/2 feet; and a house built on said property.

Any person/s in possession of the aforementioned Page No.6 of the Sale Deed may return it to us, or anyone with a claim to the aforementioned property may lodge their objections in writing to the undersigned within 7 days from the date of this notice.

MAHESHA. P. Advocate,
AMN & CO. Advocates and Legal Consultants,
No. 405, 1st Floor, No. 8, Prabhath Complex,
K.G. Road, Bangalore - 560009.
PH: 9481729275.
Date : 19.09.2022 Place: Bengaluru

UDAYA SOUHARDA CREDIT CO-OPERATIVE LTD.
Regd. Off : "Udaya Sahakara Bhavana", # 29/11, 1st Main, Mountjoy Road, Hanumanthanagar, Bengaluru - 560 019.

POSSESSION NOTICE: APPENDIX IV [RULE 8(1)]

For Immovable Property Mortgaged To Udaya Souharda Credit Co-Operative Ltd.

Whereas The undersigned being the Authorised Officer of **Udaya Souharda Credit Co-operative Ltd**, under the Securitisation and Reconstruction of Financial Assets and Enforcement of Security Interest Act, 2002 and in exercise of the power conferred under Section 13(12) read with Rule 3 of the Security Interest (Enforcement) Rules 2002 issued a demand notice dated **02/06/2022** calling upon the borrower mentioned herein below, to repay the amount mentioned in the notice within 60 days from the date of receipt of the said notice.

The borrower having failed to repay the amount, notice is hereby given to the borrower and the public in general that the undersigned has taken possession of the property described herein below in exercise of powers conferred on him under **Sub Section (4) of Section 13 of the Act read with Rule 8** of the Security Interest (Enforcement) Rules, 2002 on this the **2nd day of September of the year 2022.**

The borrower in particular and the public in general is hereby cautioned not to deal with the property and any dealings with the property will be subject to the charge of **Udaya Souharda Credit Co-operative Ltd,** for an amount mentioned below and interest thereon.

You are further requested to note that as per Section 13(13) of **The SARFAESI ACT, 2002,** you are RESTRAINED/PROHIBITED from disposing of or dealing with the Secured Asset, without prior written consent of **Udaya Souharda Credit Co-operative Ltd.,**

The borrower's attention is invited to provisions of Sub-section (8) of Section 13 of the Act, in respect of time available, to redeem the secured assets.

Details Of The Loan Account : Name of the borrower: Anand .S S/o S. Shivanand **Date of Demand Notice Under Section 13(2) of the SARFAESI ACT, 2002 : 02/06/2022, Amount in Demand Notice (Rs): Rs.24,25,298/-** (Rupees Twenty Four Lakhs Twenty FiveThousand Two Hundred and Ninety Eight Only) **Mortgage Loan No.02107220**

DESCRIPTION OF THE IMMOVABLE PROPERTIES
(Details of mortgaged properties of the Borrower)

Flot No.17, in the Ground Floor, Measuring 1100 sq feet with a super built up area containing Two bedroom, together with RCC Roofing, Vitrified flooring, including proportionate share in common areas such as passages, lobbies, staircase and left, contained in the multi stories residential building known as "SLV SERENITY" contstructed over the schedule "A" Property.

Date : 14/09/2022 Sd/- Authorized Officer
Place : Bengaluru For **Udaya Souharda Credit Cooperative Ltd**

BEFORE THE HON'BLE X ADDL CITY CIVIL JUDGE AT BENGALURU (CCH-26)
P & SC.No.638/2022

BETWEEN: 1. Mr. Ranga Ramasastry, S/o Late Hedatale Ramasastry, aged about 72 years, R/at Flat No 211 Jala Vayu Vihar, Kammanahalli Main Road, Kalyana Nagara Post, Bengaluru-560043. **2. Mr. Haritha Ramasastry,** S/o Late Hedatale Ramasastry, aged about 68 years, R/at No.011, 5th Block, Rajajinagara, Bengaluru-560010. **3. Mr. Ambarisha Ramasastry,** S/o Late Hedatale Ramasastry, aged about 69 years, R/at No.5A, DU Ville Apartments, Church Street, Bengaluru-560001. **4. Mrs. Geetha Chandrashekar,** W/o Late Srinivasan Chandrashekar, D/o Late Hedatale Ramasastry, aged about 67 years, R/at No.5A, DU Ville Apartments, Church Street, Bengaluru-560001.

Petitioner No 2 to 4, Represented by its GPA holder, Mr. Ranga Ramasastry the 1st petitioner herein, S/o Late Hedatale Ramasastry, aged about 72 years ... **PETITIONERS**

AND: NIL ... RESPONDENTS

PUBLIC NOTICE

Whereas, the above named petitioners have presented the petition before this Hon'ble court under Section 372 of Indian Succession Act, praying for grant of succession Certificate in their favour in respect of schedule properties mentioned hereunder belonging to late Hedatale Ramasastry, died on 08.01.2006 and Late H.R. Subbamma, died on 17.09.2014, who are the parents of petitioner.

Interested parties are hereby warned to appear in this court in person or by a pleader duly instructed on the **18th day of October 2022 at 11:00 a.m.** in forenoon to show cause against the petition.

SCHEDULE PROPERTIES

Sl. No.	Bank/Company	Quantity	Share/FD Certificate No.	Issued in the name of
1	Hatsun Agro Pvt. Ltd.	2800	4123	H.R.Subbamma. H.Ramasastry
2	Canara Bank	100	66753	H.Ramasastry
3	Canara Bank	100	66754	H.R.Subbamma
4	Canara Bank	31	881599	H.Ramasastry
5	Canara Bank	31	881600	H.R.Subbamma
6	Union Bank	100	52505	H.R.Subbamma
7	Union Bank	100	52518	H.Ramasastry
8	Syndicate Bank	100	184593	H.R.Subbamma
9	Syndicate Bank	100	184594	H. Ramasastry
10	Indian Bank Mutual Fund	100	71080484	H.R.Subbamma, H.Ramasastry
11	State Bank Of India	FD Amount	Rs. 50,000/-	H.R.Subbamma
12	UTI Bank	FD Amount	Rs. 10,000/-	H.R.Subbamma H.Ramasastry

Given under my hand and seal of court this on 13.09.2022.
By order of Court, Assistant Registrar, City Civil Court, Bangalore.

Sreenidhi Souharda Sahakari Bank Niyamitha
H.O: No.113, R. V. Road, V. V. Puram, Bangalore- 560 004
Ph No.080-25401160/61 M:8496005000, E-mail: sssbn3mrh@sreenidhibank.com

NOTICE TO BE ADDRESSED TO THE BORROWER

SSSBN/RECALL/MRH/ 268 /2022-23 12/09/2022

To, Venkataramanappa.N.C, S/o Chinappa No 59,3rd Cross, Opp Rangoli Complex, Muneshwara Layout, Kudlu, Bangalore-560068. Darshan K R (Surety), S/o Raghunatha Reddy K R No.94/1, 6th Cross, 24th Main, Agara Bangalore-560034

Recall Letter

SUB: Loan Account No.0253/50/111/000075 Notice u/s 13(2) of the Securitization & Reconstruction of Financial Assets and Enforcement of Security Interest Act, 2002 (Hereinafter referred to as the "Act").

Dear Sir,

You are aware that, you have availed the Mortgage Loan of Rs.7,50,000/- (Rupees Seven Lakhs Fifty Thousand) Only on 09/08/2019 agreed to repay the same together with interest at the rate of 14.50% P.A charged at monthly rests in 120 equated monthly installments.

You are further aware that at present as on 12/09/2022 the total outstanding due in your loan account is Rs.7,78,631/-(Rupees Seven Lakh Seventy Eight Thousand Six Hundred and Thirty One) Only as follows.

Account Number	0253/50/111/000075
Principal Outstanding	Rs. 7,41,447.00
Interest overdue as on 12/09/2022	Rs. 35,237.00
Penal Interest as on 12/09/2022	-
Other Charges	Rs. 1,947.00
Total Due/Outstanding	Rs.7,78,631.00

(Rupees Seven Lakh Seventy Eight Thousand Six Hundred and Thirty One)Only.

The said loans are duly secured by way of mortgage of the Assets described in the schedule hereunder, by virtue of the relevant documents executed by you in favour of the Bank.

The repayment in your Loan Accounts are not regular as per the repayment conditions stipulated and loan account become Non Performing Asset and a Demand/Reminder Notice/Loan Notice dated 01/08/2022 has been issued to you wherein, the Bank has called upon you to clear the overdue amount. However, in spite of the same, you have not discharged the liabilities. hence by a resolution dated 09/09/2022 the loan is recalled and a notice dated 12/09/2022 had been issued to you wherein, the Bank has called upon you to clear the entire liability together with interest thereon, at the applicable rates. However, inspite of the same, you have not discharged the liabilities.

Hence, we hereby issue this notice to you u/s 13(2) of the Securitisation & Reconstruction of Financial Assets & Enforcement of Security Interest Act, 2002, calling upon you to discharge your above mentioned liabilities with further interest at the agreed rate till the date of payment along with other charges within sixty days from the date of this notice, failing which, as a secured creditor, we shall be entitled to exercise all or any of the rights u/s 13(4) of the Securitisation & Reconstruction of Financial Assets & Enforcement of Security Interest Act 2002, to take possession of the schedule immovable property and sell the same.

Further, you are hereby restrained from dealing with schedule property, in any manner whatsoever, without our prior written consent as per Section 13(13) of the Securitisation & Reconstruction of Financial Assets & Enforcement of Security Interest Act 2002.

This is without prejudice to any other rights available to us under the Securitisation & Reconstruction of Financial Assets & Enforcement of Security Interest Act 2002 and/or any other law in force.

Schedule – A

All that piece and parcel of the portion of the property bearing vacant Site no.84, V P Katha No: 1887/84,PID No-150200102200220223, carved out of converted land in Sy No 16, in the layout known as "ROYALE PRIDE", situated at Koothaganahalli Village, Sarjapura Hobli, Anekal Taluk, Banglaore Urban District measuring East to West : 9.12 Mtrs and North to South: 10.31 Mtrs in all measuring 94.02 Sq mt (1012.03 Sq Ft), bounded on the: East By: Private Property West By : Road North By : Site No 83 South By : Site No 85

Date: 17/09/2022
Place: Bangalore

For Sreenidhi Souharda Sahakari Bank Niyamitha
(K.P.GANESH) Authorised Officer

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The borrower having failed to repay the amount, notice is hereby given to the borrower and the public in general that the undersigned has taken possession of the property described herein below in exercise of powers conferred on him under **Sub Section (4) of Section 13 of the Act read with Rule 8** of the Security Interest (Enforcement) Rules, 2002 on this the **14th day of September of the year 2022.**

The borrower in particular and the public in general is hereby cautioned not to deal with the property and any dealings with the property will be subject to the charge of **Udaya Souharda Credit Co-operative Ltd**, for an amount mentioned below and interest thereon.

You are further requested to note that as per Section 13(13) of **The SARFAESI ACT, 2002,** you are RESTRAINED/PROHIBITED from disposing of or dealing with the Secured Asset, without prior written consent of **Udaya Souharda Credit Co-operative Ltd.,**

The borrower's attention is invited to provisions of Sub-section (8) of Section 13 of the Act, in respect of time available, to redeem the secured assets.

Details Of The Loan Account : Name of the borrower: Muniraju. H. M S/O Munishamappa A/L Muni Reddy. **Date of Demand Notice Under Section 13(2) of the SARFAESI ACT, 2002 : 15/04/2022, Amount in Demand Notice (Rs): Rs.38,78,240/-** (Rupees Thirty Eight Lakhs Seventy Eight Thousand Two Hundred and Fourty Only) **Mortgage Loan No.0210726**

DESCRIPTION OF THE IMMOVABLE PROPERTIES
(Details of mortgaged properties of the Borrower)

Schedule -I All that piece and parcel of the bearing Site No.1, H.L. Katha No.438, Property No.18/1, Situated at Hennur Village, Kasaba Hobli, Bangalore North Taluk, Bangalore. Measuring East to West: 60 feet, and North to South :30 feet, in all measuring 1800 Sq Feet. Bounded on: **East by:** Site No.2 (Purchased by S. Ganashekaran), **West by:** Property Property, **North by:** Road, **South by:** Property Property

Date : 14/09/2022 Sd/- Authorized Officer
Place : Bengaluru For **Udaya Souharda Credit Cooperative Ltd**

$550.87bn RBI data shows that forex reserves decline by $2.2 billion for week ended September 9

Invest in NPS to build retirement corpus

NPS is a pure retirement focused product that offers options to invest dynamically across asset classes

UMA KANNAN @ Bengaluru

WHILE a majority of people postpone retirement planning in the midst of education, house loans and insurance plans, financial experts say it should be done within a few months of entering the workforce.

One has to plan for a retirement early so as to lead a stress-free life after retirement, and the focus should be more on growing money, considering retirement. Of the many investment options, the National Pension System (NPS) has become the preferred choice these days for retirement planning.

"The National Pension System is an effective retirement planning avenue. Apart from the tax breaks, it offers options to invest dynamically across asset classes along with availing the benefits of an annuity post-retirement," says Nirav Karkera, Head Research, Fisdom.

Investors can choose from eight fund managers to manage their corpus.

What is important, is to align the asset allocation among equities, corporate bonds and government securities in line with overall portfolio strategy for retirement as a financial goal.

It is imperative that one plans the allocation to NPS considering the annuity nature of income and restrictions around full redemption, as applicable. NPS schemes offer the flexibility to decide allocation to each asset class. It is necessary to select a fund manager that has distinct and demonstrable strength in at least managing the asset class that the portfolio is oriented towards, adds Karkera.

The size of the pension assets is around ₹35 lakh crore, and of which 22%, close to ₹ 7.72 lakh crore is with the NPS.

Be aggressive with retirement savings

However, Dev Ashish, founder, Stable Investor, says one should not look only at NPS to plan their retirement. It can be one part of the retirement planning bucket, which has components like EPF/PPF (Employees' Provident Fund/ Public Provident Fund), Equity funds and NPS.

So how can one use NPS in their retirement portfolio? Different people will require different strategies. If you are young and have two to three decades left for retirement, then you can and should be aggressive with your retirement savings. This means your investments should have a large allocation towards equities via Scheme E, he adds.

A low-down on NPS

National Pension System (NPS) helps in **creating retirement corpus** in the long term

NPS offers **four kinds of asset classes** – Asset class E (with up to 75% equity), Asset Class G (100% govt bonds), Asset Class C (100% corporate bonds) and Asset Class A (5% alternate assets)

It offers **two kinds** of accounts - Tier I and Tier II

Up to ₹2 lakh contributed towards NPS is eligible for income tax deduction

Assuming EPF is being sufficiently contributed via EPF+VPF (Voluntary Provident Fund) +PPF, if you want to go via the NPS route, then it's best to have a high component of equity in your NPS.

If your EPF corpus isn't very large as your employer doesn't have a generous PF policy and you have already utilised PPF ₹1.5 lakh annual limit, then you can use your NPS account as a debt product and have a high allocation to debt schemes G and C, says the investment advisor.

"For equity exposure, you can invest via pure equity funds. On the other hand, if your past employment(s) have led to a substantial accumulation of PF corpus and your equity exposure is low, then you can use NPS as a vehicle to increase equity exposure by making a maximum allocation to scheme E," he explains.

Recently, Insurance Regulatory and Development Authority of India (IRDAI) has eased the requirement of submitting a separate proposal form for taking the Immediate Annuity products from proceeds of NPS. At present, NPS retirees submit an exit form to NPS and a proposal form to insurers at the time of superannuation.

Now, the exit form of NPS will be treated as a proposal form for purchasing annuity, thereby reducing the time and efforts of senior citizens as well as insurers, IRDAI said.

Also, Tier I and II are two types of NPS accounts. While Tier I is a long-term one, and the amount invested in this cannot be withdrawn till retirement, Tier II is a voluntary savings account.

Though NPS is considered to be quite a restrictive product, it has many advantages too.

"Most people look away from NPS due to compulsory annuitisation where one is forced to put 40% corpus in low yield annuity plans. And no doubt this is a pain point. But remember that NPS is the only product that gives importance to putting in place a predictable income stream in retirement years. The rest of the products don't focus on this aspect," says investment advisor Ashish.

Also, from a retirement corpus diversification perspective, and the fact that annuity ensures a lifelong pension for the investor, NPS is said to be good for many who are not disciplined enough to generate regular income from a large corpus. Moreover, long lock-in means very low liquidity. Ashish says NPS is a pure retirement product. It's not meant for anything else and hence, discourages premature withdrawal.

"NPS is the only retirement-focused product that tries to put in place a real source of reliable pension during retirement years. This is a good thing for those who would find it hard to generate regular income from their retirement kitty," he adds.

Tax benefits

Those who are contributing to NPS are eligible for tax deduction up to 10% of the salary and the maximum limit is ₹1.50 lakh under Section 80 CCE. Apart from this, one can claim further tax benefits on contributions up to ₹50,000 under section 80 CCD (1B).

MONEY-WISE

USING LARGE CAP FUNDS FOR LONG TERM STABILITY

AS part of its effort to rationalise and re-categorise funds offered by mutual fund houses, the Securities and Exchange Board of India (SEBI) in October 2017, defined a large cap fund as an open-ended equity-oriented mutual fund scheme that invests at least 80% of its assets under management (AUM) in large cap stocks.

SEBI further defines a large-cap company as those listed companies which are ranked from 1st to 100th company in the Indian stock exchanges in terms of market capitalisation.

Market capitalisation is calculated by multiplying the number of a company's shares outstanding by its stock price per share. Every quarter, Association of Mutual Funds in India (AMFI) publishes a list of the top 100 companies by market cap. Fund managers usually follow this list when making investments in large-cap stocks.

Historically, large cap funds have provided relatively better stability to the portfolio during volatile market conditions as compared to mid or small cap funds. Since its components, large-cap companies are relatively well-established and of reasonable size, are presumed to be safer. Conversely though, on the upside, it may not offer the same growth opportunities as compared to a small or mid-cap fund.

Since large-cap funds qualify as equity assets, any sale made within a year from the date of purchase is liable for Short Term Capital Gain (STCG) and attracts 15% tax. For any sale made after the investment has completed a year, Long Term Capital Gains (LTCG) tax is applicable at 10% on capital gains over Rs 1 lakh.

Those investing in large cap funds must do so knowing that the underlying asset is equity with all its attendant risks. Yet, investing in large-cap funds is often used as a core long-term investment strategy as it is perceived to be less risky than mid-cap, small-cap, multi-cap and flexi-cap funds.

Yet, it would be prudent to note that it is less risky only when compared to small cap and mid-cap mutual funds. No equity investment is completely risk-free. Also, since risk and returns are directly related, the returns too are lesser when compared to small-cap and mid-cap funds in a market that is trending upwards.

FINANCIAL ADVICE

ASHOK KUMAR
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It is thus a natural corollary that since it is a pure equity fund, the investment should ideally be for a long period to generate better returns.

The Benchmark usually used for Large Cap Funds is the S&P BSE 100 TRI. Its performance for the 1 and 5 year period respectively, are as follows:

Benchmarks	1 year Return (%)	5 year Return (%)
The S&P BSE 100 TRI	4.54	13.13

While there may be select periods where the near-term returns are superior to the long-term returns, more often than not, and particularly since the underlying asset is equity, the long-term returns of a large cap fund outscore its near-term returns.

In the next column, we shall turn the spotlight on some of the large cap funds with larger AUMs.

HIGH GROWTH

Net direct tax collection jumps 23%; refunds up 83%

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THE net direct tax collection (after refunds) for 2022-23 registered a 23% jump to ₹7 lakh crore as on 17 September 2022. Last year during the same period the net direct tax collection was ₹5.68 lakh crore.

Of the ₹7 lakh crore, corporate tax collected during the period was ₹3.7 lakh crore while personal income tax collected was ₹3.30 lakh crore.

Meanwhile, Gross collection of Direct Taxes (before adjusting for refunds) for 2022-23 stands at ₹8.36 lakh crore compared to ₹6.42 lakh crore in the corresponding period in 2021-22, registering a growth of 30%.

The Gross collection of ₹ 8,36,225 crore includes Corporation Tax at ₹4,36,020 crore and Personal Income Tax (PIT) including Securities Transaction Tax (STT) at ₹3,98,440 crore.

Of the total gross tax collection, advance taxes accounted for ₹2,95,308 crore. Tax Deducted at Source (TDS) collected during the period was ₹4,34,740 crore, self-assessment tax at ₹77,164 crore and regular assessment tax collected was ₹ 20,080 crore.

The finance ministry in a statement said that direct tax collections continue to grow at a robust pace, which is a clear indicator of the revival of economic activity after the pandemic, as also the result of the stable policies of the government, focusing on simplification and streamlining of processes and plugging of tax leakage through effective use of technology.

The finance ministry also pointed out that there has been a remarkable increase in the speed of processing of income tax returns filed during the current fiscal, with almost 93% of the duly verified ITRs having been processed till 17 September 2022.

It said that there has been a 468% increase in the number of refunds issued in the current financial year. Refunds amounting to ₹1,35,556 crore have been issued in 2022-23 till 17 September, as against refunds of ₹74,140 crore issued during the corresponding period last year.

WHY SET MULTIPLE GOALS FOR YOUR MONEY

RAJAS KELKAR

FINANCIAL planning is like minding a herd. Just like sheep or cattle, your money tends to meander. When you receive your paycheck, you want to ensure that you provide adequately for your future. You need to manage today's expenses after setting aside a small portion of your income for tomorrow.

When you start with financial planning, your ability to save money comes first. When you master that and create a surplus every month, you need to think about the direction your savings need to take.

Goal setting is a vital step towards financial security. It may be possible to just think about retirement, a child's education or owning a home as your financial goal. When you list down your dreams and turn them into goals, you need to set a priority for those goals. Every financial advisor will tell you that you must figure out how to pay yourself first. That means saving for your retirement.

When you start saving for retirement in your 20s and 30s, you give your money the time it deserves. A period of 15-20 years can do wonders to your retirement savings due to the magic of compounding.

If you continue to invest more each year, that will help you create a corpus that will take care of your needs when you hang up your boots. Your choice of investments will make a difference to your investment.

In this column, we have argued that your investment consistently has to beat inflation in the long term. For that, investment should only mean equity assets when considering long-term goals. You can directly own strong companies if you have adequate business knowledge. The other option is to invest through mutual funds or index funds like exchange-traded funds. Under all circumstances, empirical evidence proves that equity assets outperform all other asset classes when invested for 20 years or more.

However, your life takes all kinds of turns—some for the better but some for, the worse. You need to make an adequate allocation for life insurance and health insurance. That is not an investment. It is a protection for your savings and your family. A sudden medical emergency could set back your ability to invest regularly. You have to figure out the optimal level of insurance needed. Many insurance agents and advisors would make you pay insurance premiums more than you need. You must regularly read about risks associated with your work and arrive at a desirable life and health insurance premium.

Once you get that out, all your money should be allocated based on your goals. You need more goals to meet your diverse needs in the future. Defining goals directs your savings and lets you make appropriate asset allocations. Your short-term goals, such as owning a car or a dream home, require you to save money to make the down payment. The assets you pick need to balance equity and fixed income. Your long-term goals, like a child's education or retirement, are likely to be 10 to 20 years. Here, you are allocating a small quantity but for a considerable time. That helps you beat inflation comfortably if you allocate more money to equity assets than fixed income.

SOURAV ROY

Financial Advisor

If you are confident about managing your investments, your financial advisor would be your knowledge. The more you read, the more you would protect yourself against potential risks associated with investing. The trick is to spend a few minutes knowing about finance every day. That way, if you are not associated with financial markets or not interested in finance, you can incrementally improve your understanding.

However, if you are not confident about doing it on your own, you must get a professional financial advisor. They are certified to help you at every step. You can extract more from your relationship with your advisor if you know the right questions to ask. Spending a few minutes every day reading about finance could help. There is no shortage of information available to you online. The onus is on you to make the most of it.

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EXPRESS READ

Inox Green Energy plans to launch IPO

Rajkot: Inox Green Energy Services, a subsidiary of Inox Wind, is planning to come out with its Initial Public Offering (IPO) by October this year to raise Rs 740 crore to fund its expansion plans. The company will focus on the Indian market initially and plans to tap the overseas market after establishing itself in this country, Inox Wind CEO Kailash Lal Tarachandani told PTI. The company is planning to launch its IPO "in the next 30 to 45 days". This is Inox Green Energy Services' second attempt to go public. In February, the company had filed the Draft Red Herring Prospectus (DRHP) for its proposed IPO with the Sebi.

Insurance industry will continue to see M&A deals

New Delhi: Merger and acquisitions will continue to be a part and parcel of the insurance sector, which is a highly capital intensive sector and can accommodate new entrants with specialised skill sets. The past developments in this sector and recent decision of the Mumbai NCLT allowing merger of Exide Life Insurance with HDFC Life is an indication that entities without requisite expertise may quit the sector, reports PTI. "The sector has witnessed some M&As in the past and will continue to witness them and newer opportunities will emerge in the future," said Anand Pejawar, Deputy MD, SBI General Insurance.

FPIs infuse ₹12k crore in Indian equities in Sept

PTI @ New Delhi

FOREIGN investors pumped ₹12,000 crore into the Indian equity market so far this month on hopes that global central banks, particularly the US Fed, may go slow on rate hikes as inflation starts to cool off.

This comes following a net investment of ₹51,200 crore in August and nearly ₹5,000 crore in July, data with depositories showed. FPIs (foreign portfolio investors) turned net buyers in July after nine straight months of net outflows, which started in October last year. Between October 2021 till June 2022, they sold a massive ₹2.46 lakh crore in the Indian equity market.

In the near term, FPIs flow are expected to remain volatile given the headwinds in terms of monetary tightening, rising inflation, geopolitical concerns, etc, Shrikant Chouhan, Head - Equity Research (Retail), Kotak Securities, said. According to data with depositories, FPIs pumped a net ₹12,084 crore into Indian equities during September 1-16 . They were net buyers on hopes of continued growth momentum, even as global and domestic data prints were adverse with elevated inflation reported across major economies, Chouhan said. FPIs infused a net ₹1,777 crore in the debt market during the month under review. In addition to India, Indonesia and the Philippines witnessed inflows, while Taiwan, South Korea and Thailand witnessed withdrawals.

Federal Reserve meet to guide market this week

ENS ECONOMIC BUREAU
@ New Delhi

THE global equity market, including India, will be eagerly watching the US Federal Reserve meet that will take place on September 20-21 for future directions. As the world's biggest economy, the US, reported a higher than expected inflation data for the month of August, it sent shivers all across the globe of a possible recession scenario.

The Federal Reserve is now expected to go for a very steep rate hike to tame the rising inflation. This, according to market experts, will tighten liquidity in the equity market, and is a big negative for emerging markets such as India where foreign investor participation is very prominent.

"The FOMC meeting and press conference will be the center of attention this week. Globally, Fed's interest rate decision can trigger jitters in the markets. Given the US Fed's hawkish stance, some people are expecting even a 100 bps rate hike. US markets already faced deep cuts when they reacted to the figures of headline CPI (that came at 8.3%) and core inflation for August'22. Although India has done significantly better than all the other major markets, it is expected to remain volatile," said Apurva Sheth, Head of Market Perspectives, Samco Securities.

Indian benchmarks, Nifty and Sensex, fell nearly 2% on Friday due to a sharp fall in technology and automobile stocks following a broader global selloff over recession worries. Both the indexes posted a weekly loss of over 1.5% and closed Friday session 58,840.79 (Sensex) and 17,530.85 (Nifty)

Vinod Nair, Head of Research at Geojit Financial services,

said that despite its strong decoupling scenario and encouraging macroeconomic data, domestic bourses succumbed to the global trend of rising bond yields and the dollar index as a result of rate hike fears in the global market.

According to Santosh Meena, Head of Research, Swastika Investmart, Indian market is showing resilience despite weak global cues but it can't remain isolated for long. "The global markets are looking nervous after US inflation numbers, which have caused the dollar index to hover around 110. US 10-year bond yields are at a multiyear high of 3.5%, and now everyone is eyeing the outcome of the upcoming US FOMC meeting. On the same day, the Bank of England will announce its interest rate decision," said Meena.

Apart from this, the institutional flows will play a critical role because foreign investors have turned sellers after buying regularly for the last month. Domestic institutional investors are also showing some reluctance at higher levels.

V K Vijayakumar, Chief Investment Strategist at Geojit Financial Services, said that a major factor supporting the recent rally in the Indian market has been the sustained FII buying that started in July and gathered momentum in August. As per NSDL data, FPI buying through exchanges in September up to 16 stands at ₹12,084 crore.

Stimac set to continue as men's football team coach

Croatian Igor Stimac is set to continue as Indian football team head coach with the Technical Committee, headed by IM Vijayan, of All India Football Federation (AIFF) on Sunday recommending the extension of his contract till the end of AFC Asian Cup in July next year. After analysing the team's performance, the TC recommended Stimac's continuity.

LINDA: A STAR IN THE MAKING

17-year-old Czech rallies to defeat Linette to claim Chennai Open crown, her first WTA title

SWAROOP SWAMINATHAN @ Chennai

(left) Linda Fruhvirtova won the Chennai Open singles title defeating Magda Linette in three sets in the final on Sunday. (right) Canada's Gabriel Dabrowski and Brazil's Luisa Stefani took home the doubles crown after beating Anna Blinkova and Natela Dzalamide in an one-sided affair | ASHWIN PRASATH

A PLETHORA of Grand Slam champions — either before or after they won their maiden Major — have graced the blue hardcourts of Chennai. Rafael Nadal, Stan Wawrinka, Marin Cilic, Daniil Medvedev, Patrick Rafter... this list is not exhaustive.

Keeping in mind the one main caveat to the overall development of a tennis player — injuries — it may be okay to assume that, over the last week, it may have well hosted another potential champion. There's of course a long way to go yet — this was a 250 event and the field wasn't the greatest — so it's important to retain perspective. But it's also easy to see why there's lots of excitement about what the future could hold for 17-year-old, Linda Fruhvirtova. For starters, tennis coach, Patrick Mouratoglou, likes her. He anointed her a possible future No 1 a few years ago.

During the course of the tournament, WTA Tour Supervisor, Kerrilyn Cramer, had told this daily to watch for the girl from Czech Republic. She was replying to a question on whether the tournament, if it continues in the future, could hope to attract players who have a high development ceiling.

On Sunday, the Czech Republic teen showed why a lot of people are excited for her. She exhibited all the traits — a never-say-die attitude, winning the biggest points, holding serve in the biggest moments and closing when presented with an opportunity — that makes the best tennis players.

In a final that lasted 2 hours and 40 minutes, the Czech engineered multiple Houdini Acts. None of it more significant when Magda Linette was eight points away from picking up her third tour-level title. At 1-4 in the final set, it looked like curtains for her. But her opponent, Magda Linette, had a visit from the trainer for a leg issue. A little over 20 minutes later, Fruhvirtova was lying on the ground, soaking in the adulation after Linette had sent a return long. Courtside, her coach was punching the air in jubilation. A maiden WTA tour-level title (4-6, 6-3, 6-4) had come in the most dramatic of circumstances. She won the last five games, hitting winners, forcing errors from Linette and holding serves with relative ease. It also made her the youngest winner on tour since Coco Gauff's victory in Parma last year.

The more experienced Pole (Fruhvirtova was four when Linette turned professional) was the slight favourite to begin with — big-match nous, title-winning experience and in form — but the Czech wasn't at all fazed by the situation. She opened the match by holding serve before saving three break points in the third game. It was also a sign of things to come. There weren't many service winners. The exchanges at the net were few and far in between as both players typically engaged their opponent from the comfort of their baseline.

After losing out on the longer rallies as well as not landing enough balls in play in the first set, she recalibrated. It caused problems for the Pole who was slowly being asked to run from coast to coast. That the Czech also has a lovely touch play — a drop shot — added to the Pole's complications. The tide started to change as she won the second set.

In the third, it once again shifted to the World No 67 from Poland. She appeared the fresher of the two with Fruhvirtova, the World No 130, frequently using the towel. At 1-4, it was going to be the final throw of the dice. Luckily for her, it worked.

At the on court prize distribution ceremony, she was overcome with emotion, shedding tears of joy. "Pretty much in shock, didn't expect this," she said.

On where the match turned decisively, she pointed out to holding serve in the sixth game of the final set. "It was a matter of one break . She had a chance to go 5-1 and that would have been pretty bad for my chances. When I won that, I started believing again. I got my confidence again and just fought for every point."

Results: Singles: Linda Fruhvirtova bt Magda Linette 4-6, 6-3, 6-4.

Bajrang braves head injury for 4th Worlds medal

FIROZ MIRZA @ Chennai

INJURIES seem to spur wrestler Bajrang Punia on. It happened last year at the Tokyo Olympics where he competed with his injured right knee to win bronze. It happened again at the World Championships in Belgrade, Serbia. Despite sustaining a serious head injury in his first bout, he not only competed with his skull bandaged heavily but also finished on the podium, winning his fourth Worlds medal. For the record, he is the only wrestler from the country to win four medals at the event.

Ahead of the bout, his coach Sujeet Maan had confirmed to this daily that the injury is serious. "Bajrang sustained a deep cut on his skull during his first bout against the Cuban wrestler. We didn't go for stitches then as they could have opened up during the bouts," Maan told this daily after his ward won bronze.

The 28-year-old Haryana wrestler injured his head during his pre-quarterfinal bout in 65kg weight category against Alejandro Enrique Valdes Tobier. He though managed to win the contest 5-4 but went on to lose the next round to USA's Yianni Diakomihalis 0-10. With the USA wrestler reaching the final, Bajrang got a shot at the bronze medal via repechage round.

Given the injury he has sustained, Bajrang was forced to change the bandage before every bout. "We changed the bandage ahead of his quarterfinal bout against the American wrestler on Saturday and did it twice today (Sunday) with two bouts lined-up in quick succession," the coach added. The injury, notwithstanding, Bajrang never thought of forfeiting the bouts. "Injuries are part and parcel of the game. The thought of forfeiting the bouts never crossed his mind. He wanted to win a medal and he did that braving the injury," said the coach.

The 2020 Tokyo Games bronze medallist met Armenian Vazgen Tevanyan in the repechage round. Vazgen took a 4-0 lead in the first two minutes of the first period but Bajrang managed to narrow down the gap by earning one point by pushing his rival off the mat (stepout). Bajrang, who was playing cautiously till then, went on the offensive in the second and final period securing two points for a takedown and then applying 'Irani tangi' technique to roll over his opponent twice to add four more points to his tally. Leading 7-4, the Armenian grappler then effected a takedown to earn two points. However, Bajrang then managed to hold on to the one-point lead to win the contest.

Sebastian C Rivera of Puerto Rico was his opponent in the bronze medal play-off and the bout started with Sebastian attacking Bajrang's leg from the word go. The strategy yielded rich dividends as he secured a 6-0 lead in the first 40 seconds of the first period. Bajrang, however, made a big comeback by effecting four points take down and then earning two more to be on level terms. However, a few seconds before the end of the first period, he conceded two points to go into the break trailing 6-8.

The second period was no different as the Indian wrestler conceded a stepout point. With time running out, Bajrang came up with another two points takedown to cut down the lead. In the dying seconds, he won two more points to win bronze.

Full story: newindianexpress.com

Red hot Kumaran reigns supreme in Novice Cup

Winners of the JK Tyre Novice Cup in Coimbatore on Sunday | SPECIAL ARRANGEMENT

GOMESH S @ Coimbatore

CHAOS. That's the word 19-year-old Kyle Kumaran uses when asked to sum up his racing journey so far. For him, the last four years have been "absolute chaos" as he has gone from one race to another every month.

"You get on with it, achieve the most you can as you go," says Kumaran as he sits down for a chat after winning his third Novice Cup race (for DTS Racing) in round one of the 25th JK Tyre FMSCI National Racing Championship in Coimbatore.

Apart from the six months where he was stuck at home with his mother during the lockdown, Kumaran has had a month of time away from racing in the last four and a half years. The Indian racer, who's based out of the United Arab Emirates, has grown leaps and bounds in the last couple of years, representing both countries. In December 2021, he won silver for India in the Rotax Max Challenge Grand finale in Bahrain. "It's great to represent India. Representing the UAE is also great but it is always good to represent where you come from, making everyone around me proud. Not always making myself proud, but trying to make others around me proud," laughs Kumaran.

How did it all happen though? Growing up, Kumaran remembers watching a small red object move fast on TV along with his dad, who's an avid Formula 1 fan. "It was only when I was six or seven that I got to know that it was the 2012 European Grand Prix at Valencia where Fernando Alonso started at 11 and won the race for Ferrari. It stuck with me. That was my favourite team, it might have changed now, but still, Alonso is my favourite driver," says Kumaran who raced for the first time when he was 14.

When asked about his goals or what's next for him, the 19-year-old says he doesn't know. At some level, it feels like he thrives in the chaos. It brings out the best in him. Given his age, there isn't much in his mind apart from racing.

"For me, racing comes first. Everything else takes a back seat. You have to give yourself to the sport. For any sport, it's the same. In basketball, we have seen that Kobe Bryant's (an NBA legend) training schedule used to be from morning 4 am till evening 9 pm. That's how you do it. And I have a supportive team, family, and girlfriend who help me out."

"It is also money. It is your parents', other people's money. The team, the owners, the sponsors, we are carrying a lot of expectations and money. You have to keep delivering for them. That is what keeps me going in this sport. To do it for all the other people around me who have been with me."

The author is in Coimbatore on invitation from JK Tyre Motorsport

DAY 2 SELECT PROVISIONAL RESULTS:

JK Tyre Novice Cup (10 laps):

Race 3: Aadhitya Parsuram (Hasten Performance)- 15:19.654 • Kyle Kumaran (DTS Racing)- 15:25.403 • Dhruvh Goswami (M Sport)- 15:27.503.

Race 4: Kyle Kumaran: 16:30.407 • Aadhithya Parsuram16:31.383 • Vinith Kumar (DTS Racing)-16:32.086 • LGB Formula 4 (15 laps).

Race 2: Arya Singh (Dark Don Racing)- 20:09.536 • Viswas Vijayaraj (Ahura Racing)- 20:18.793 • Tijil Rao (Dark Don Racing)- 20:22.473.

Race 3: Sandeep Kumar (Dark Don Racing)-28:10.333 • Ashwin Dutta (Dark Don Racing)-28:10.539 • Arya Singh (Dark Don Racing)-28:10.893.

South Zone win by record margin

AGENCIES @ Salem/Coimbatore

LEFT-ARM spinner R Sai Kishore's maiden match haul of 10 wickets ensured a staggering 645-run victory for South Zone over North to set up a clash with West Zone in the Duleep Trophy final starting on Wednesday.

The margin of victory was one of the highest in Indian first-class cricket.

West Zone also won their semifinal in commanding fashion beating Central Zone by a 279-run margin. The five-day final will be played in Coimbatore from September 21.

In the South versus North game, the contest was killed by the former's batters when they piled up a mammoth 630/8 declared in their first innings, riding on hundreds from opener Rohan Kunnummal, skipper Hanuma Vihari and Ricky Bhui. Once North were all out for 207 in their first innings, courtesy Sai Kishore's 7/70, the writing was on the cards.

South didn't enforce follow-on and scored 316/4, piling on North's misery by giving them an improbable target of 740 to chase. On the final day, North were bowled out for 94 in 30.4 overs with Sai Kishore (3/28), off-spinner Krishnappa Gautham (3/50) and another slow left-armer, Tanay Thyagarajan (3/12), sharing the spoils.

Brief scores: SZ 630/8 decl & 316/4 decl bt NZ207 & 94 in 30.4 ovs (Yash Dhull 59, Tanay Thayagrajan 3/12, R Sai Kishore 3/28, K Gowtham 3/50) by 645 runs. WZ 257 & 371 bt CZ128 & 221 in 57.1 ovs (Rinku Singh 65, Shams Mulani 5/72) by 279 runs.

EXPRESS READ

Saurabh bowls India A to victory

BENGALURU: Left-arm spinner Saurabh Kumar grabbed five wickets to play a big role in India A's series clinching 113-run victory over New Zealand A in the third and final 'Unofficial Test' here on Sunday. The target of 416 was out of question but New Zealand A at one point did look like trying to play for a draw before they lost the last five wickets for less than 50 runs to be bowled out for 302 in 85.2 overs.

Brief scores: India A 293 & 359/7 decl vs New Zealand A 237 and 302 (Joe Carter 111, Mark Chapman 45, Saurabh Kumar 5/103).

Meiraba clinches international challenge

NAGPUR: Young Indian shuttler Meiraba Luwang Maisnam claimed the men's singles title after beating compatriot Mithun Manjunath 21-14, 21-16 in the final of the India Mahatrastra International Challenge here Sunday. Fast-rising men's doubles pair of MR Arjun and Dhruv Kapila prevailed 21-17, 20-22, 21-18 over Thailand's Chaloempon Charoenkitamorn and Nanthakarn Yordphaisong.

Women's ODI: India beat Eng by 7 wickets

HOVE: India beat England by 7 wickets in the first WODI to take a 1-0 lead in the three-match series on Sunday. Opting to bowl, India first restricted England to 227/7 and then chased down the target in 44.2 overs. Smriti Mandhana scored a stroke-filled 91 off 99 balls for India. **Brief Scores:** England Women 227/7 in 50 ovs (Alice D 50, Deepti S 2/33) **lost to** India Women 232/3 in 44.2 overs (Smriti M 91, Harmanpreet K 74 n.o, Yastika B 50; Kate C 2/43).

Nikhat, Nitu to miss Asian C'ships

ANMOL GURUNG @ Chennai

COMMONWEALTH Games (CWG) gold medallists Nitu Ghanghas, Nikhat Zareen and Amit Panghal are three prominent names who won't be travelling for the upcoming ASBC Asian Championships, which is due to be held from October 30 to November 13 in Amman.

The trio was not part of the national selection trials which were held in the last few days at SAI NSNIS, Patiala.

All three of them were in the league of their own during the Birmingham Games, which was held in August. It is a prudent move to give this upcoming test a miss as there are bigger challenges lined up next year. An injury in this event could prove to be damaging in the long run. Also, it's a huge opportunity for the rest of the boxers to step up ahead of the next Olympics.

In Amit's absence, Sparsh Kumar won the 51kg trials in the men's section to confirm his ticket for the continental meet. Monika (48kg) and Savita (50kg) will be competing instead of Nitu and Nikhat.

Lovlina Borgohain, Olympic bronze medallist, meanwhile, is among the big names who are set to feature in the Asian event. Lovlina, who competed in the 70kg category in the CWG, will be plying her trade in the 75kg category this time. Having had a quiet outing in the last two marquee events (CWG and World Championships), this will be a crucial outing for the Assam pugilist ahead of bigger challenges in the near future.

Jaismine Lamboria, a CWG bronze medallist, could only find her name on the reserve list. Simranjit Kaur, a former World Championships bronze medallist, is set to fight in the 60kg category instead.

Pooja Rani, a two-time gold medallist (2019, 2021) in the event, is also set to miss out. She's in the reserve list in the light heavyweight category (81kg). Saweety Boora, who last competed in the 75kg category during the World Championships in May, will be the lead pugilist in the 81kg category.

Experienced Shiva Thapa (63.5kg) will be one to keep a close eye on in the men's category. With five medals so far, the continental event has been a happy hunting ground for the 28-year-old and he'll be determined to add to the tally and inspire the rest of the team.

PREMIER LEAGUE

Arsenal go top of the table with clinical display over Brentford

AFP @ London

ARSENAL moved back to the top of the Premier League with a dominant 3-0 win at Brentford, while Everton beat West Ham 1-0 to get their first victory of the season on Sunday.

Injuries to captain Martin Odegaard and Oleksandr Zinchenko had stretched Arsenal's squad to the extent that 15-year-old Ethan Nwaneri came off the bench late to become the youngest player in Premier League history.

However, the Gunners showed no sign of weakness at a ground where they were beaten 2-0 last season to move back one point above Manchester City and Tottenham at the top of the table. William Saliba and Gabriel Jesus headed in before half-time and Fabio Vieira marked his first Premier League start with a stunning strike after the break.

Brentford boss Thomas Frank said he believes Arsenal will be title contenders and they played like it to blow away the Bees in the first 45 minutes. "We have a different mentality this season," said Arsenal midfielder Granit Xhaka. "We are training like we play and have class with the players that can make a difference."

The match had been moved forward two hours to help ease police pressures around Queen Elizabeth II's funeral and Britain's longest serving monarch was remembered in a minute's silence before kick-off.

Fabio Vieira scored in his first Premier League start for Arsenal in their 3-0 win over Brentford on Sunday | AFP

Once the action did get underway, it was one way traffic as Arsenal bounced back in style from their sole defeat of the season away to Manchester United two weeks ago.

It took just 17 minutes for Mikel Arteta's men to make the breakthrough when Saliba flicked Bukayo Saka's corner in off the far post.

Jesus also used his head to score his fourth goal in seven Premier League games as he powered home an enticing delivery from Xhaka.

The absence of Odegaard also made room for Vieira and the Portuguese midfielder made his mark with a sumptuous strike from outside the box to kill off any doubt over the outcome four minutes into the second half. An easy day for Arsenal was rounded off a minute from time when Arteta was able to hand Nwaneri his debut as just 15 years and 181 days, breaking Harvey Elliott's record as the youngest player in Premier League history.

At the other end of the table, West Ham will spend the upcoming international break in the bottom three after Neal Maupay's first Everton goal gave the Toffees a much-needed first win of the season.

A powerful storm sweeping north through the Bering Strait on Saturday caused widespread flooding in several western Alaska coastal communities, knocking out power and sending residents fleeing for higher ground

Five decades after she refused an Oscar on behalf of Marlon Brando over the treatment of Native Americans by US film industry, Sacheen Littlefeather was honoured by the Academy of Motion Picture Arts and Sciences

EXFILE • CLIMATE

Tunisian 'hanging garden' farms cling on despite drought

High in the hills of northwestern Tunisia, farmers are tending thousands of fig trees with a unique system of terracing they hope will protect them from ever-harsher droughts

NORTHWEST TUNISIA IN A TUNISIAN MAP WITH GOVERNORATES

HANGING GARDENS SUFFER THE BRUNT OF THE HEAT

But the "hanging gardens" of Djebba El Olia have been put to the test this year as the North African country sweltered through its hottest July since the 1950s

That has exacerbated a long drought that has left Tunisia's reservoirs at just a third of their capacity

NETWORK OF CANALS

The gardens are supplied with water from two springs high in the mountains

The water is fed into the orchards by a network of canals that are opened and shut at set times, according to the size of the orchard

RESILIENT CROPS

Crucially, a wide variety of crops provides resilience and in-built pest control, unlike the monocultures that dominate modern agriculture and require huge inputs of pesticides to survive

Activist Farida Djebbi pointed out some of the channels, irrigate the area's 740 acres of steeply sloping orchards

DEMAND FOR DJEBBA FIGS

Farmer Lotfi El Zarmani said there was also growing demand for Djebba figs, which were given a protected designation of origin by the agriculture ministry in 2012—still the only Tunisian fruit to enjoy the certification

"They're getting a reputation, plus exporting them has become easier, plus they bring higher prices," Zarmani said, adding that most exports go to the Gulf or neighbouring Libya

INNOVATIVE AND RESILIENT AGROFORESTRY

In 2020, the Food and Agriculture Organization recognised the system as an example of "innovative and resilient agroforestry", adding it to an elite list of just 67 "Globally Important Agricultural Heritage Systems"

PRAISING THEIR EFFORTS

The FAO praised the diversity of local crop varieties grown by the area's farmers, as well as their use of wild plants to repel potential pests and of livestock to "plough" and fertilise the soil

CLIMATE CHANGE POSES THREAT

But while it may have endured for generations, the system is under threat as climate change kicks in

FLOW OF WATER SLOWLY DEPLETES

Activist Tawfiq El Rajehi, 60, says the flow of water from springs irrigating the area has dropped off noticeably, particularly in the past two years

LEAVES TURNING YELLOW

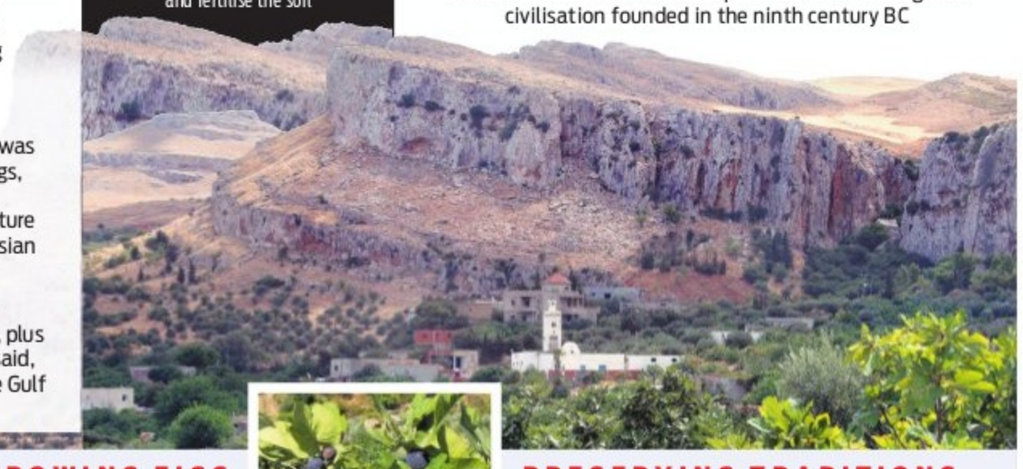
Unlike in previous years, the surrounding peaks no longer get covered in snow each winter, and the leaves of many of the trees in the lower part of Djebba are yellowing and sick

FARMERS FAVOURING CASH CROPS

Rajehi, a teacher at the local school, said climate change and low rainfall were compounded by another factor: farmers favouring cash crops

PREDATING CARTHAGINIAN CIVILISATION

While nobody knows exactly how old the system is, human habitation in the area predates the Carthaginian civilisation founded in the ninth century BC



GROWING FIGS

"Some farmers have moved to growing more figs instead of less water-intensive crops because figs have become more profitable in recent years," he said

PRESERVING TRADITIONS

Farida Djebbi is working to persuade farmers to preserve traditional ways of processing the products harvested in the area

Time to expand Security Council, shake up UN: US

Is exasperated by Russia using veto power to escape scrutiny

REFORM

UNITED NATIONS: Few issues have been as constant at the United Nations as grievances about the structure of the world body itself, with both friends and foes of the United States pleading for reform of the powerful Security Council.

As world leaders gather for the annual General Assembly, calls for change are coming from an unlikely source—the United States, which has been exasperated by Russia's veto power as it seeks to hold Moscow to account for its invasion of Ukraine. Western powers have pored through procedural rules to ensure Russia does not block Security Council meetings and have turned to the General Assembly, where each of the 193 UN member-states has a vote, to seek condemnation of Russia.

The Security Council showed its impotence to the world in February as diplomats carried on reading pre-written statements just as Russia started bombarding its smaller neighbour. In a recent speech, the US ambassador to the United Nations, Linda Thomas-Greenfield, voiced support for "sensible and credible proposals" to expand membership in the 15-nation Security Council.

"We should not defend an unsustainable and outdated status quo. Instead, we must demonstrate flexibility and willingness to compromise in the name of greater credibility and legitimacy," she said, without laying out specifics.

She said that the veto-wielding Permanent Five—Britain, China, France, Russia and the United States—had a special responsibility to uphold standards and promised the United States would exercise its veto only in "rare, extraordinary situations." "Any permanent member that exercises the veto to defend its own acts of aggression loses moral authority and should be held accountable," she said.

Russia and China scoff at such talk by the United States, which under George W Bush brushed aside the Security Council to invade Iraq.

Foreign Minister Naledi Pandor of South Africa, which has long sought African representation on the Security Council, said it was hypocritical to criticise the veto system just because of Russia. "Some of us who have been calling for the General Assembly to have a greater say never enjoyed support, but suddenly, today?" she said at the Council on Foreign Relations in Washington.

"That's where international law begins to mean nothing. Because for some, we see it as cheating."

File photo: Ukrainian President Volodymyr Zelensky appears on screen as he addresses the UN Security Council Meeting | AFP

Push for SC reform

The biggest push for Security Council reform came on the 60th anniversary of WWII's end as Brazil, Germany, India and Japan launched a joint bid for permanent seats. But, China opposed a seat for Japan, one of the biggest contributors to the UN

Putting rivals 'on the spot'

Thomas-Greenfield acknowledged that the United States has not always lived up to its standards but noted that Washington has used its veto only four times since 2009 compared with 26 times by Russia. Richard Gowan, expert on the UN at the International Crisis Group, said there was genuine US concern over "dysfunction" at Security Council. "But also it's a clever way of putting China and Russia on the spot. Because we all know that the countries that are most allergic to the idea of council reform are Russia and China," he said.

Typhoon Nanmadol slams into Japan

DISASTER

IZUMI: Typhoon Nanmadol made landfall in southwestern Japan on Sunday night, as authorities urged millions of people to take shelter from the powerful storm's high winds and torrential rain.

The storm officially made landfall around 7 pm local time as its eyewall arrived near Kagoshima city, the Japan Meteorological Agency (JMA) said.

It was packing gusts of up to 234 kilometres per hour and had already dumped up to 500 mm of rain in less than 24 hours on parts of southwestern Kyushu region.

At least 20,000 people were spending the night in shelters in Kyushu's Kagoshima and Miyazaki prefectures, where the JMA has issued a rare "special warning"—an alert that is issued only when it forecasts conditions seen once in several decades.

National broadcaster *NHK*, which collates information from local authorities, said more than seven million people had been told to move to shelters or take refuge in sturdy buildings to ride out the storm.

The evacuation warnings are not mandatory, and authorities have at times struggled to convince people to move to shelters before extreme weather. They sought to drive home their concerns about the weather system throughout the weekend.

"Please stay away from dangerous places, and please evacuate if you feel even the slightest hint of danger," Prime Minister Fumio Kishida tweeted after convening a government meeting on the storm.

"It will be dangerous to evacuate at night. Please move to safety while it's still light outside."

South Africa plunges into darkness

POWER

JOHANNESBURG: Africa's most industrialised economy South Africa is again facing sweeping power cuts, caused by failures at ageing and poorly maintained infrastructure, the nationalised utility company said on Sunday.

The boss of state-owned Eskom Andre de Ruyter announced "a high stage of load shedding this week", using jargon for planned outages.

On an eight notch scale of rolling blackouts, the country has reached the sixth critical stage. Residents and businesses will face several outages of several hours daily.

Level six was seen in June in the middle of the southern winter amid an increase in energy consumption and pressure on production.

The rise in temperature since September with the arrival of spring usually leads to a drop in consumption, in particular with reduced heating demand.

Eskom generally takes advantage of the period to shut down production units for maintenance.

But a high number of breakdowns, 45 in the space of seven days, led to a dramatic drop in production.

FORMING NEW BONDS

A fisherman extends his hand towards a baby seagull on the beach in Adrasan, west of Antalya, Turkey on Sunday | AFP

FACT OF THE MATTER

Fiona becomes a hurricane

DISASTER

Fiona strengthened into a hurricane on Sunday as it bore down on Puerto Rico, where people braced for severe wind and potentially "historic" levels of rain. Forecasters said the downpour was expected to produce landslides and heavy flooding, with up to 64 centimetres possible in isolated areas. "It's time to take action and be concerned," said Nino Correa, Puerto Rico's emergency management commissioner. Fiona was centred 80 kilometres south of Ponce, Puerto Rico, on Sunday morning. It had maximum sustained winds of 130 kph and was moving west-northwest at 13 kph. More than 3,000 homes still have only a blue tarp as a roof, and infrastructure remains weak.

UN's push for education

EDUCATION

From Pakistan to Ukraine to Venezuela to vast stretches of sub-Saharan Africa, rising crises and climate disasters are taking an added toll on the most vulnerable—children deprived of school. "It is horrendous, and it's hard to imagine," said Yasmine Sherif, head of Education Cannot Wait, a UN fund that focuses on education in crisis zones. The UN fund estimates that 222 million children around the world have seen their education disrupted by conflict or climate-related disasters, including nearly 80 million who never set foot in school. Since 2016, Education Cannot Wait has raised more than $1 billion to build schools and buy educational materials as well as provide daily meals.

Amid crisis, China turns to coal

ENERGY

China has stepped up spending on coal in the face of extreme weather, a domestic energy crunch and rising global fuel prices—raising concerns Beijing's policies may hinder the fight against climate change. The country is the world's biggest emitter of the greenhouse gases driving global warming, and President Xi Jinping has vowed to reduce coal use from 2026 as part of a broad set of climate promises. Beijing has committed to peaking its carbon emissions by 2030 and achieving carbon neutrality by 2060. Overall carbon emissions in China have fallen for four consecutive quarters on the back of an economic slowdown, research reported by climate monitor Carbon Brief showed in September.

MAGIC OF GHIBLI FILMS

Hayao Miyazaki's 'Spirited Away' continues to delight fans

ART

When Hayao Miyazaki's animated feature *"Spirited Away"* premiered in the US 20 years ago, most viewers hadn't seen anything like it.

It tells the story of a 10-year-old girl named Chihiro who, when traveling with her parents, stumbles across what appears to be an abandoned theme park. As they explore, the parents are transformed into giant pigs, and Chihiro soon realises that the park is occupied by strange, supernatural spirits. She ends up working at a bathhouse as she tries to figure out a way to free herself and her parents so they can return home.

The film went on to win an Oscar for Best Animated Feature. Twenty years later, it's frequently listed as one of the best animated films of all time. Many of the first anime films were inspired by manga, or Japanese comics.

Some of the hallmarks of modern manga, such as characters with big eyes, streaks to signal movement and different-sized panels to convey action, character and emotion more effectively, can be traced to the work of Osamu Tezuka, the so-called "God of Manga."

Tezuka was influenced by his childhood and Japanese culture, but he was also inspired by American movies, television and comics.

Miyazaki was 21 years old when Tezuka's popular manga *"Astro Boy"* appeared on TV in Japan in 1963. Miyazaki began his career in 1963 as an entry-level animator for Toei animation.

He went on to work on a number of animated TV shows and films before founding his own production company, Studio Ghibli, with his longtime friend and collaborator, Takahata Isao, in 1985.

Anime is often based on successful manga series, and it involves creating a vibrant character kingdom and the construction of a world that often lends itself to spinoffs like movies, television shows, musicals, etc.

In this sense, many of the films that came out of Studio Ghibli were not really traditional anime. And while some of Ghibli's films originated as manga, many of them did not. Miyazaki and his team also broke from industry norms by hiring artists as full-time staffers, rather than as underpaid freelancers. As Miyazaki once said, "Animation has the potential to be far more than just about business, or merchandising, or selling character goods; it can have its own ambitions."

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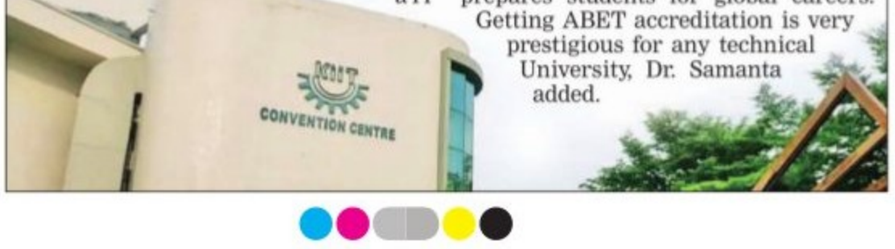
ACCREDITATION FROM ABET (USA)

KIIT's Engineering Programmes Get ABET (US) Accreditation

The prestigious Accreditation Board for Engineering and Technology (ABET), USA has accredited KIIT Deemed to be University's six engineering programs. ABET is the premier global accreditation organization of engineering and engineering technology programmes. Regarded as the 'Gold Standard' for engineering education, it assures that programs meet the quality standards that produce graduates prepared to enter a global workforce.

With this recognition, KIIT has become the only institution in the country to have accreditation from ABET (USA) in all six engineering programmes. Besides, KIIT Deemed to be University has also been accredited by all the statutory bodies of the Govt of India. Six programs of KIIT-DU have received the ABET (US) accreditation at a time due to its quality education and other aspects.

ABET's peer-review process is highly regarded worldwide because it adds critical value to academic programs in technical disciplines, where quality, precision, and safety are paramount. Congratulating the students and faculty of KIIT, Dr. Achyuta Samanta, Founder, KIIT & KISS said that it is yet another recognition for the high-quality programmes of KIIT, which effectively prepares students for global careers. Getting ABET accreditation is very prestigious for any technical University, Dr. Samanta added.



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A still from *Adieu Godard*

STRANGER THINGS

French director Jean-Luc Godard's assisted suicide has left many in shock, including filmmaker Amartya Bhattacharyya, whose movie *Adieu Godard*, released just a week before Godard's demise; the film was recently screened at the Bengaluru International Film Festival 2022

I was writing a promotional post about my movie Adieu Godard when the news about Godard's passing started coming in. It took some time for me to realise that it is not fake news

Amartya Bhattacharyya, filmmaker

MONIKA MONALISA

FILMMAKER Amartya Bhattacharyya always wanted to make an interesting film. And who better than his hero, French director **Jean-Luc Godard** as a muse? But a few days after Godard committed assisted suicide, the movie has not just left the filmmaker shocked but has also left the audience intrigued. The movie *Adieu Godard* is an Odia film, which is set in a small Indian village where an elderly man named Ananda is addicted to watching pornography with his friends. One fine day, he accidentally brings home a DVD with a Godard film on it. Though his friends are 'disgusted', he gets interested in Godard's films which gradually turns into an obsession. Currently released in Odisha and West Bengal, the team is looking for a theatrical release in Mumbai and Bengaluru. The movie was also screened at the Bengaluru International Film Festival 2022 and has won awards.

Jean-Luc Godard

The irony is that the film released just a week before Godard's passing. "I was extremely shocked when I got the news. I was writing a promotional post on the movie when the captions of 'Adieu Godard' started popping up. It took some time for me to realise that it is not fake news. It was a very heavy thing because I never wanted to bid adieu to Godard in this way," recalls Bhattacharyya, revealing that the title drew inspiration from one of Godard's movies, *Adieu au Langage*.

So distraught is the filmmaker that he can't watch the movie with the same perspective. "I watched the movie on September 12 in Kolkata, for the first time after his demise, and had gooseflesh," says Bhattacharyya, who feels destiny played a large role in his writing of this film. The song at the end of the movie now has a different meaning altogether for him.

Bhattacharyya, who wrote the story during 2017-2018, says there is no reason why he chose this particular subject. Since all his past movies are non-narratives, he tried to break out of that and challenge himself with a film which he wanted to be simple and entertaining. "Growing up in Kolkata at a time when there was no internet, renting pornographic DVDs was part of our youth. It was very common that the cover of those DVDs actually contained different content," explains the director.

But the reason why the story was set in Odisha was because, according to him, the name Jean-Luc Godard is pretty much alien and would create a sense of curiosity as it did in several festivals, including the Bengaluru one. Godard broke all rules in life and in the way he chose to end things. "No one else looked at cinema the way Godard did," says an emotional Bhattacharyya.

A still from *Adieu au Langage*

CITY READ

Bank receives award

Union Finance Minister Nirmala Sitharaman felicitated the Top Performing Public Sector Banks under the EASE 4.0 Reform Index for Q4 FY 2021-22, in an event organised by IBA in Mumbai recently. Canara Bank was awarded the third spot under the prestigious EASE Reforms Index Award 2022 and the first prize under the theme of institutionalising prudent banking. The award was received by L V Prabhakar, MD & CEO of Canara Bank. Prabhakar has reiterated the thrust areas under EASE Reforms and how it has helped Canara Bank build strong capabilities to drive sustainable long-term business growth.

Handicraft market till September 25

The SouQ (Market) has been organised at Karnataka Chitrakala Parishath till September 25. Artisans all over the country will be exhibiting their art and crafts. Home decor, garden decor, handloom sarees, kurta and jewellery, handicraft, toys, apparels, artwork, furniture, mats and porcelain items will be displayed. **More on P2**

Institution hosts international seminar

Global UnPlastic Day celebrations were held at AIMS Institutes recently. The programme was inaugurated by Dr Meka Priyanandan Reddy, chairperson, AIMS Institutes. The keynote address was by Erik Solheim, executive director of UNEP. An MOU on joint efforts to boycott plastics, combat climate change and promote a sustainable global ecosystem was exchanged. A tree plantation drive with the planting of fruit trees was also held.

GRUB HUB

Avin Thaliath

(@chef_avin), pastry chef and the director of Lavonne Academy of Baking Science And Pastry Arts, dishes out a food-related quiz in this weekly series. Be a real 'whisk' taker and let us know if you have what it bakes. Who knows, your dreams may crumb true.

THE QUIZ WILL BE PUBLISHED EVERY SATURDAY

Send answers to **bengalurucityexpress@gmail.com** with the subject line **'Food quiz'**

The correct answers and names of the first three respondents with right answers will be featured in *CE*. The first prize winner this week will win a hamper worth ₹2,000 from Santé Spa Cuisine, Indiranagar**

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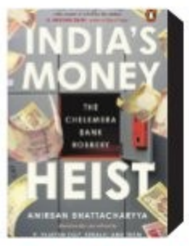

India's Money Heist: The Chelembra Bank Robbery

by Anirban Bhattacharyya

Constructed from extensive first-person interviews of the police team that solved the crime and the confession details of the criminals, this is the true story of how Indiaâ€™s biggest bank heist was executed and the cat-and-mouse game that ensued.

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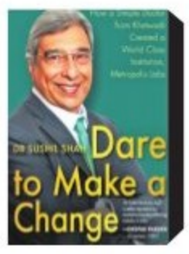
by Nilotpal Mrinal

This novel is written on the complexity of Indian rural life and environment, which deeply examines the Indian rural-town society and politics of its time.



Dare to Make a Change

by Maya Bhatija

The biography of Dr Sushil Shah, the founder and chairman of Metropolis Healthcare Limited. His vision and zeal to be the best and to serve relentlessly in the healthcare industry led him to undertake a mammoth challenge.

Mannat "A Dream Built in Heaven"

By Vikrant Bhatia

A book of soulful Poetry written in Solitude with True Love & Real Emotions captured by the Author in his deep thoughts.

WHAT WHEN WHY WHERE

Artistic side

Become the next DIY artist with the help of Art Beat and explore more about tie & dye.
WHEN: September 19, 4 pm
WHERE: Art Beat, HSR Layout
DETAILS: bookmyshow.com

Back to the olden days

DJ Vidyut brings another DJ night to rewind songs from the past during the golden days of Bollywood.
WHEN: September 19, 8 pm
WHERE: The Boozy Griffin, Marathahalli
DETAILS: highape.com

DESI TECHNO NIGHT

DJ Zac & DJ Astaya bring a Bollywood night of EDM, songs, and hip-hop to get your feet moving to grooving beats.
When: September 19, 8 pm
Where: Just BLR, Brigade Road
Details: highape.com

BEAT MOVES

Enroll your kids at this workshop to learn hip-hop moves where they will gain confidence and fitness.
WHEN: September 19, 5 pm
WHERE: FLUX, Indiranagar
DETAILS: bookmyshow.com

Sing your heart out

Go with friends and family to karaoke night accompanied by other music lovers who will join in your performance.
WHEN: September 19, 10 pm
WHERE: Marcopolo cafe, Koramangala
DETAILS: bookmyshow.com

Laughter madness

Bistro Claytopia is holding a stand-up comedy live to fill your tiresome Monday with some laughter.
WHEN: September 19, 8 pm
WHERE: Bistro Claytopia, Koramangala
Details: bookmyshow.com

Comedy barista

The Blackbuck Comedy is organising a comedy night to give you laughter therapy with good food and ambience.
WHEN: September 19, 8 pm
WHERE: Klayworkz Barista, JP Nagar
DETAILS: bookmyshow.com

Show time

Join other cinephiles to watch award-winning movie *Hidden in Plain Sight*.
WHEN: September 19, 6.45 pm
WHERE: Shoonya Art and Cultural Association, Lal Bagh Main Road
DETAILS: bookmyshow.com

SHOPPING SPREE

Actor Shubha Poonja looks at various handicrafts on display at The Souq, an ongoing crafts market in the city | SHASHIDHAR BYRAPPA

QUICK FIX

Chana Dal Dry Fruit Payasam

Contributed by **Sharada Aswin Balaji**, Chennai

INGREDIENTS

- **Chana dal:** 1/2 cup
- **Moong dal:** 1/4 cup
- **Cardamom powder:** 1 tsp
- **Chopped almonds:** 6
- **Chopped cashews:** 6
- **Raisins:** 7-8
- **Grated coconut:** 2 tbsp
- **Milk:** 1/4 cup
- **Ghee:** 2 tbsp
- **Jaggery powder:** 12 tsp

METHOD

- Roast dry fruits in ghee. Roast chana dal. Steam the dals.
- In a kadai, add the steamed dals, jaggery powder, milk, roasted dry fruits, grated coconut and cardamom powder by mixing it well.
- Garnish with dry fruits.

What's cooking in your kitchen?

We are hungry for recipes with minimum ingredients and maximum flavours. Share your quick-fix with us, along with step-by-step photos, at bengalurucityexpress@gmail.com

FIT BIT

UPAVISTHA BITILASANA MARJARYASANA
(SEATED CAT COW POSE)

The Cat and Cow Poses are considered simple. Both these poses are done on fours, by placing the palms and the knees on the floor. This pose is categorised as a restorative pose as it brings great relief to the entire back after the practice of intense yoga poses.

STEPS

- Sit in Sukhasana and stretch the spine raising the body upwards. Take a few breaths. Rest your hands over your knees. Sink back into a Seated Cow Pose, allowing your shoulder blades to round, dropping your head.
- Focus on pulling the tummy deep in and upwards. Lock the chin close to the chest. Using the strength from the hands, pull yourself deep inwards with shoulders and chest sunk in.
- Reverse the movement; look up at the ceiling, arch the back and puff out the chest. Hold, and reverse into Seated Cow Pose again.. Stretch the spine out inwards and as the chest is forced forward. Ensure the neck is taken deep upwards.
- Round the entire back, pulling the navel into the spine. Do this slowly and carefully. Stay here for more than 6 rounds. Try to breathe in a rhythm. Slowly release the body, legs, and relax completely.

LIMITATIONS

People with chronic lower back pain or severe backache, and pregnant women, avoid this.

Those who have weak knees or knee arthritis, or find it difficult to sit, especially seniors, should use a chair.

Those with high BP, vertigo, or chest pain, rib cage, or abdomen, practise it slowly.

People recovering from an injury to the joints, muscles, ligaments of the hips, knees, back, shoulders, spine, or pelvic joint, or undergone abdominal surgery should seek the advice of a yoga expert.

BENEFITS

- Stretches hips, back and abdominal muscles.
- Stimulates abdominal organs including gastrointestinal tract.
- Aids breathing by stretching the chest and the lungs, making breathing smoother.
- Relieves lower back pain and sciatica.
- Decreases depression and anxiety.
- Brings ease to the lower abdominal area massaging the reproductive organs which eases symptoms of period pain and cramps, when done during or just before periods.
- Acts as a great way to correct alignment of the spine and brings postural awareness and balance throughout the body.

By N Elumalai, PhD scholar (Yoga Science) at Meenakshi Academy of Higher Education & Research, Chennai

NOW STREAMING

REGIONAL

MERE DESH KI DHARTI (Hindi)

A humorous yet inspirational take on the lives and journey of young engineers Ajay and Sameer from being abject urban failures to icons of rural India.

Cast: Divyendu Sharma, Anupriya Goenka, Anant Vidhaat Sharma

Watch on: Amazon Prime Video

SUNDARI GARDENS (Malayalam)

Suma is a bold, quirky and geeky school librarian who lives with her mother. Suma meets Victor, the school's new English teacher, and as time passes, they get to know each other.

Cast: Aparna Balamurali, Neeraj Madhav, Lakshmi Menon

Watch on: SonyLIV

GOLONDAAJ (Bengali)

From a regular boy to becoming the first Indian to open a football club, here's the journey of Nagendra Prasad Sarbadhikari, the Father of Indian football.

CAST: Ishaa Saha, Alex O'Nell, Dev

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AVATARA PURUSHA (Kannada)

Dharka and Brahma Jois fight over the Trishanku Mani in a battle of mantras and soon after Brahma Jois turns up dead. Prior to his death in order to protect his family he deployed the Ashta Digbandhana and hides the Trishanku Mani in his house. Will Dharka find it?

Cast: Sharaan, Ashika Ranganath, Saikumar

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All the streaming apps can be accessed on smartphones and smart TVs with Internet connection.

SHAABASH MITHU (Hindi)

A biopic based on the life and struggles of Mithali Raj, Indian cricketer, and captain of the Indian national cricket team.

Cast: Tapsee Pannu

Watch on: Netflix

F.I.R NO. 339/07/06 (Bengali)

An upright police officer arrives in Raghunathpur to investigate a murder and realises there is more to the crime than meets the eye.

CAST: Falaque Rashid Roy, Ritabhari Chakraborty, Ankush Hazra

Watch on: Zee5

FOREIGN

DAY SHIFT (English)

An LA vampire hunter has a week to come up with the cash to pay for his kid's tuition and braces. Trying to make a living these days just might kill him.

Cast: Jamie Foxx, Dave Franco, Natasha Liu Bordizzo **Watch on:** Netflix

OXYGEN (French)

A woman wakes in a cryogenic chamber with no recollection of how she got there. As she's running out of oxygen, she must rebuild her memory to find a way out of her nightmare.

Cast: Mélanie Laurent, Mathieu Amalric, Malik Zidi

Watch on: Netflix

INFINITE STORM (English)

An experienced climber ascends Mt. Washington but turns back as a blizzard approaches. On her way, she comes across a stranded man and takes it upon herself to ensure their descent before nightfall.

Cast: Naomi Watts, Billy Howle, Denis O'Hare, Parker Sawyers, Eliot Sumner, Joshua Rollins

Watch on: Zee5

PORTRAIT OF A LADY ON FIRE (French)

On an isolated island in Brittany at the end of the eighteenth century, a female painter is obliged to paint a wedding portrait of a young woman.

Cast: Noémie Merlant, Adèle Haenel, Luàna Bajrami

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ZEN STATE OF MIND

Radhika Mukhija & Manjusha Maheshwari

RUBINATIONS
Rubi Chakravarti
Writer, actor and funny girl

IT'S been a different kind of week for me. The BB (Bangalore Blues) seem to have hit me hard. I went through the whole Buddhist chanting and positive affirmation route but nothing seemed to help. I even turned to my two favourite loves, reading and music and they too, didn't really do anything. I took very few calls and made even fewer, because I didn't want to get into that perfidious state of mind. I was studiously avoiding the fake and touching base with the 'real'.

Then it hit me like a thunderbolt! I was being just as treacherous, duplicitous deceitful and disloyal as the next average fake! My policy has always been 'live and let live' and I rarely get confrontational until my buttons are pressed. As I get older (and hopefully wiser), I steer clear of dinner-debates and 'over cocktail' run-ins because the arguments never end! The inebriated always try to make a point, invariably at the same time! The joker in the pack, who thinks s/he is very funny, then proceeds to make outlandish and irrelevant interjections which only serve to raise the temperature of the dining-table donnybrook!

When things reach a crescendo, heads spin in my direction while I try to nonchalantly finish the morsel on my plate. Immediately I feel under-pressure to respond, retort or rebuff. The feeling is like, "You are a woman with so many words in your mouth. So respond already!" My beady eyes espy friends who are expectantly looking for me to take a stance. I swallow hard, process the information and valiantly try to 'respond' rather than to simply 'react'. But if I am the one who has started the ruckus then the 'Zen-act' is forgotten while I dive in with both feet! I do that less and less nowadays. I have matured enough to pick which battles I want to fight.

Madhu Natraj and Manjul Gupta

I'm glad to see things getting back to normal with a bang. The spate of exhibitions and pop-ups run their course unabated while we are having the 'starred' chefs also 'popping' up and giving us a dekko into their cuisine. A well-curated dinner with the 'discreetly' affluent, in a magical surrounding is always welcome. Since these dinners are paid for or, 'a strictly by-invitation scenario', the 'entitled' are excluded.

Since my 'non-Zen' type feeling continued unabated, the only way to pick-me-up was to go to an impeccably curated afternoon soiree at the Estee Lauder outlet and browse through a myriad of beauty products after a span of two years. Since it is a well-heeled and upmarket product, the turnout of 'well-heeled' women was a sight for sore eyes. It is truly amazing how deftly used skin-care and make-up can make a woman feel and look like a million bucks. Delicately munched on hors d'oeuvres and discreetly passed around jasmine tea only made us feel bien-cuidado!

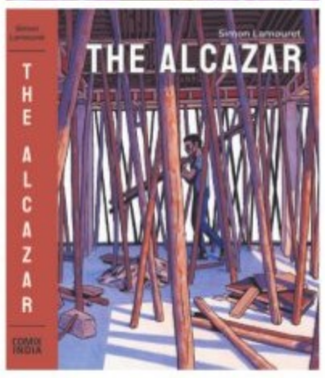
The long-standing dinner meet-up with Manjul Gupta and Madhu Natraj at the latter's lovely home was long overdue. The evening meandered over warm conversations and warmer friendships as we sipped on Madhu's superlative cocktails. Sufi music played in the background, while we laughed, cried and reminisced over our rich lives, past, present and future. Sometimes the universe reminds us how 'Zen' blessed we are.

I was....

The Indie Comix Fest brought the fourth rendition of their festival to Bengaluru over the weekend to showcase the work of independent comic creators

Sketchy Narratives

TUNIR BISWAS



Attendees at a previous rendition of ICF Bengaluru

COMICS hold a strange place in the Indian art industry. In countries like the United States, comics have been a major proponent of pop culture for decades. To a level that multi-million dollar movies are being made based on the Marvel and DC comics. In Japan with animation being a medium for storytelling, there lies an entire industry surrounding manga (Japanese comics), which is widely read globally. However, many feel that this country and city are yet to look at comics, especially independent comics, as important tools of creative expression on the mainstream scale.

To shed more light on comic creators, the Indie Comix Fest (ICF) brought its fourth rendition of the festival to Bengaluru. It was held at Rangoli Metro Art Center over the weekend. "In India, the industry isn't growing at a very fast pace, and comics, as works of art, are still kind of looked down upon. A festival like ICF is essential at encouraging the culture surrounding independent comics in the country," says Shoubhik Ghosh, a creator of comics, who had previously taken part in ICF Mumbai and Pune in 2018.

Rahil Mohsin, who has been attending ICF Bengaluru since its first rendition in 2018, feels the footfall for the festival has increased progressively over the years. "Since the first year, there have been more and more people attending the event. There is a fairly large number of folks who are interested in celebrating art and culture. While we have bigger events like Comic Con, festivals like ICF give the local artists a necessary push," says Mohsin, who has written for comics for many years but now primarily works as an artist in projects.

Since the inception of the festival in 2017, festival co-founder Bharath Murthy feels the Bengaluru edition always garners the biggest crowd. "We have organised ICF at multiple metropolitan cities like Mumbai, Delhi, Chennai and Kolkata as well as smaller cities like Pune and Kochi, but none attracts a crowd as large as Bengaluru does. This city has consistently gotten the most responsive audience. Delhi is a close second," shares Murthy, a Bengaluru artist whose work has been picked up by major publications. Adding to Murthy's point of view, comic creator Chinmayi Kaushik, says, "As a native Bengalurean, I can attest to the fact that people love comics and graphic novels here. The city loved this event."

Apart from having big crowds and pushing local artists, comic illustrator Nitya Menon feels ICF opens up collaborative opportunities for creators as well. "ICF is a great place to meet new people who share your interests, and it opens up opportunities to collaborate on future projects also. For example, the last ICF event I went to was in Kochi in 2019, and there, I met fellow artistes Nithin Mathew and Sanif Asif Ali, with whom I went on to collaborate during the pandemic, and we made an anthology of comics named Hope On," shares Menon.

Announcements from the Ubisoft Forward

ARE YOU GAME?
Anusha Ganapathi
@quofles

(This economics graduate spends her leisure time preparing for the zombie apocalypse)

Ever since the rumours started over the last few weeks, I had been preparing to keep my expectations measured for potential announcements in the Ubisoft Forward. Personally, a big fan of the Assassin's Creed, I didn't want to hear lacklustre news of only a potential single game in the next few years. But the surprising news crept on me with the stealth of Altair from the first ever Assassin's Creed game. Ubisoft has announced not one, but four separate projects in the upcoming few years for fans of the franchise.

Starting with the obvious — Assassin's Creed made a big claim to return to its roots with "Mirage". The protagonist is Basim, a spoiler for those who haven't got to the end of AC Valhalla. "Mirage" teases a familiar landscape from the older games, and the stealth-heavy gameplay that puritans have been yearning for all this time. The next on the list was an open-world adventure for the mobile phone, set in Ancient China. For now it's called Codename Jade. Ubisoft has historically made games for the phone before phones got as good as they have now — and this is an excellent opportunity for a wider audience to hop onto the franchise.

Everyone seems to have the same opinion on the next AC announcement — Codename Red; that Codename Red is just another version of the famous PlayStation exclusive "Ghost of Tsushima". Red features a feudal Japan, and mentions a similar open-world RPG style to the franchise's more recent games. I know it's going to be a while before it releases, but I'm already looking forward to the grind of a hundred hours on it. Ubisoft Forward also discussed a "Codename Hexe", supposedly very different from any Assassin's Creed game we've ever played. I don't quite know what to expect from it, but it's Assassin's Creed — I'm instantly sold.

Obviously, Ubisoft has a host of other games and there were a lot of announcements on all of them. Nothing caught my attention as much as the announcement of "Infinity" — a sort of central hub for all AC games as I understand it. I only hope that doesn't mean an augmented reality game is in the works for the franchise. Surprisingly enough, the most exciting announcement for me wasn't the release of four new games in my favourite series. Ubisoft is also the not-so-secret super boss of a fictional game in a now famous Apple TV series — *Mythic Quest*. Season 3 of this show was also announced for release later this year, and the trailer teases an interesting plot line for the show. All these announcements have me satisfied in the fact that I have things to look forward to from the world of triple-A videogames. As Ezio Auditore would say, we can all "requiescat in pace".

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I, **GOUTHAM RAMACHANDRA**, Aged about 47 years, Residing at Flat No. C1101, The Five Summits Address, Road No.10, EPIP Zone, Whitefield, Bangalore - 560066, Karnataka India, declare that I have changed the name of my Minor Daughter from **AAHANA** (Old Name) to **AAHANA KARPOOR** (New Name), henceforth my Daughter shall be known and called as **AAHANA KARPOOR** (New Name) only for all purpose, vide Affidavit dated : 16/09/2022 before Notary **T.R. RAGHAVENDRA RAO**, Bangalore.

CHANGE OF NAME
I, **SAVITRI GOPALA RAO** W/o **Gopala Rao A R** R/at No.145 6th B Main Road, Remco Layout, Hampinagar, Vijayanagar, Bengaluru- 560104 have changed my name to **SAVITHRI GOPALA RAO** vide affidavit dated: 16/9/2022 Before Notary **H.S.Sakalesh Aradhya** Bangalore.

CHANGE OF NAME
I, **KESHAVA REDDY SHANKARAPPA** (New Name), S/o SHANKARAPPA, aged about 44 Years, Resident at NO.41, 2ND CROSS, PATEL RAMAIAH LAYOUT, JINKETHIMMANAHALLI, VARANASI, T.C.PALYA POST, KRISHNARAJPUARAM, BENGALURU-560036, KARNATAKA, declare that I have changed my name from **KESHAVA REDDY SHANKARAPPA REDDY** (Old Name) to **KESHAVA REDDY SHANKARAPPA** (New Name), henceforth I shall be known and called as **KESHAVA REDDY SHANKARAPPA** (New Name) for all my personal, official & legal purpose, vide Affidavit dated : 17/09/2022 before Notary **GANGARAJU.B.N.** at BENGALURU.

CHANGE OF NAME
I, **MARY ANTHONY,** W/o Mr. Anthony Mahadevan, aged about 67 years, R/at Flat No. 302, 16-17 Sunrosa Apartments, 2B Main Road, OMBR Layout, Bangalore-560043, Karnataka do hereby declare that I have changed my name from **AMALORPAVA MARY REDDIAR** to **MARY ANTHONY,** henceforth I shall be known and called as **MARY ANTHONY** only, vide affidavit dated 17-09-2022, sworn before Advocate and Notary **S. RAMESH** at Bangalore.

CHANGE OF NAME
I, **A. N. Kalyani,** Spouse of No. 2591159L, Rank L/NK, Name: MURUGESH KUMARA, address : No. G6, Jai Grand 2nd Cross, Alfa Garden, Kodigehalli Main Road, K. R. Puram, Bengaluru, have changed my name from **A N KALYANI to A. NAGA KALYANALAKSHMI,** vide affidavit dated 17.09.2022, Sworn before notary S. Subashini, Advocate & Notary Public, Bangalore

CHANGE OF NAME
I, **PALLAVI SRIVASTAVA w/o Shri Anish Lal. R/o, Flat No. 292, Shobha Hibiscus, Outer Ring Road, Bellandur- 560103. Bangalore. have changed my daughter's name from AALYA SRIVASTAVA to ADITI SRIVASTAVA vide Affidavit dated 16/09/2022 before Advocate and Notary K. Venkateshan, Bangalore**

AFFIDAVIT
I, **SADIQ PASHA**, Aged 33 years, Son of Afzal Pasha, residing at No. 50, 8th Cross, B.M. Layout, Venkateshapuram, Bangalore North, Arabic College, Bangalore - 560 045.
I state that my father's name is **AFZAL PASHA** and my father's name shown in the Aadhaar Card and Voter ID Card as **AFZAL PASHA** which is true and correct. Vide affidavit dated 16.09.2022 sworn to before R. Basavaraja, Advocate & Notary Public, Govt. of India, at Bengaluru.

CHANGE OF NAME
I, **GOUTHAM RAMACHANDRA**, Aged about 47 years, Residing at Flat No. C1101, The Five Summits Address, Road No.10, EPIP Zone, Whitefield, Bangalore - 560066, Karnataka India, declare that I have changed the name of my Minor Son from **AMAV** (Old Name) to **AAMAAV KARPOOR** (New Name), henceforth my Son shall be known and called as **AAMAAV KARPOOR** (New Name) only for all purpose, vide Affidavit dated : 16/09/2022 before Notary **T.R. RAGHAVENDRA RAO**, Bangalore.

CHANGE OF NAME
I, **SOWMYASREE** R/at No.194, Alur Main Road, Muddegowdan Farm Heggadadevanapura, Bangalore- 562123, have changed my name to **SOWMYA SHREE** vide affidavit dated: 17/ 8/2022 Before Notary **K.V.Mani** Bangalore.

CHANGE OF NAME
I, **SHASHIKALA GOPALA REDDY** (New Name), aged about 38 years, W/o. KESHAVA REDDY SHANKARAPPA, Resident at NO.41, 2ND CROSS, PATEL RAMAIAH LAYOUT, JINKETHIMMANAHALLI, VARANASI, T.C. PALYA POST, KRISHNARAJPUARAM, BENGALURU-560036, KARNATAKA, declare that I have changed my name from **SHASHIKALA KESHAVA REDDY** (Old Name) to **SHASHIKALA GOPALA REDDY** (New Name) henceforth I shall be known and called as **SHASHIKALA GOPALA REDDY** (New Name) for all my personal, official & legal purpose, vide Affidavit dated: 17/09/2022 before Notary **GANGARAJU.B.N.** at BENGALURU.

CHANGE OF NAME
I, **CHIRAG DAYANAND CHINVAR,** R/at No. 841/B, Lakshmi Nest 5th Cross, 10th Main, Indiranagar, Bengaluru-560038, Karnataka, India, do hereby declare that I have changed my name from **CHIRAG CHINVAR DAYANANDA to CHIRAG DAYANAND CHINVAR,** henceforth I shall be known and called as **CHIRAG DAYANAND CHINVAR** only, vide affidavit dated 17-09-2022, sworn before Advocate and Notary **V. RAJASHEKHARA** at Bangalore.

AFFIDAVIT
I, AMOL SHANKAR SHIVDAS, Aged about 35 years, S/o. S R SHIVDAS, residing at No. 11010 Bhartya City Nikoo Homes-1, Hegde Nagar Main Road Thanisandra, Jakkur Bengaluru 560064, declared that the names **AMOL SHANKAR SHIVDAS** and **AMOL SHANKAR SHIVADAS** belongs to me only, and both name belongs to one and the same person. Vide affidavit dt. 17-09-2022 before Advocate and Notary Uday Kumar .K, Bangalore.

CHANGE OF NAME
We, Sri. Venugopal H N son of Narayana Reddy, Aged about 42 years AND Smt. Pavithra Wife of Venugopal H N aged about 38 Years both being residents of No.94/3A, 9th Main, 1st Cross, Honggasandar, Gharvebhavi Palya Road, Bangalore-560068, have changed my daughter's name from **JANYA V REDDY** to **JANYAA V REDDY** vide Affidavit dated 17/09/2022 before Advocate and Notary H.H. Nagaraj, Bangalore

CHANGE OF NAME
I, **ASMA SADIYA**, W/o. Asgar Ahammed, Aged about 42 years, residing at Mosque Street, Near Post Office, Varthur, Bangalore - 560 087, hereby declare that **ASMA BANO** and **ASMA SADIYA** both the names are one and the same person, pertains to me only. Hereinafter in all documents my name will be entered as **ASMA SADIYA** only. vide affidavit dated 17.09.2022 sworn to before T.C. Thimmaraja, Advocate & Notary Public, Govt. of India, at Bengaluru.

CHANGE OF NAME
I, **HAGIRA PARVEEN TAJ W/o Syed Shafiulla,** R/at No. 28, 1st Cross, Behind Ganesha Temple, Choluru Palya, Bengaluru -560023 have changed my name to **HAJIRA BEE** Vide affidavit dated: 13/9/2022 Before Notary **H.S.Sakalesh Aradhya** Bangalore.

CHANGE OF NAME
I, **JOYCE MATHEW,** D/o. Mathew.L, aged 28, residing at 379, Mary Bhavan, Hennur Cross, Cauvery L/o, Kalyan Nagar, Bangalore-560043, hereby state that the name **JOYCE MATHEW** and **MARY JOSEPHINE** are the names of one and the same person only vide affidavit Dt 17/09/2022 sworn before Uday Kumar, Advocate and Notary Bangalore.

CHANGE OF NAME
I, the undersigned **P AMBILY ANIL** W/o Mr. Anil Kumar C, R/at TC78/5041, Ambily House, Titannium Post, Thiruvananthapuram, Valliaveli, Kerala 695 021 presently station at Command Hospital, Bangalore have changed my name from **P AMBILY ANIL** to **AMBILY P** through affidavit sworn before Notary **A.R. MUNEER AHMED** at Bangalore on 16-09-2022.

NAME DECLARATION
I, **MOHAMAD MOHSIN SHAIKH,** aged 39 years, S/o. Mohamad Hanif Mohamad Shaffi Shaikh, R/at No.317/1, Encore Primitus, Ground Floor, 002, 8th Cross Road, OPP: Koramangala Police Station, Koramangala, 8th Block, Bangalore-95.
I Confirm and Declare that **"MOHAMAD MOHSIN SHAIKH", "MOHAMAD MOHSIN HANIF SHAIKH" AND "SHAIKH MOHAMAD MOHSIN H"** is the name of one and the same and one identical person and that is myself. Vide Affidavit Date:15/09/2022 sworn to before **K.V. MANI** Notary at Bangalore.

AFFIDAVIT
I, SUDHA SRIVALLI KONAKANCHI, RESIDING AT #307, V M SERENITY APARTMENTS, 2ND CROSS, BRINDAVAN LAYOUT, HORAMAVU, BENGALURU 560043, DECLARE THAT BOTH NAMES **SUDHA SRIVALLI KONAKANCHI AND K SUDHA SRIVALLI** IS SAME AND IDENTICAL PERSON VIDE AFFIDAVIT DATED: 17/09/2022 BEFORE NOTARY S.I.BALAGURU, BENGALURU

CHANGE OF NAME
I, **YAMINI JAYVIN PATEL,** W/o. Vikram R Patel, aged about 39 years, Residing at J K Kunj, No. 180/3, Banaswadi Outer Ring Road, Kalyannagar Post, Bangalore 560043, have changed my name to **YAMINI VIKRAM PATEL** vide Affidavit dated 12/09/2022 before Advocate and Notary Y.R. Chandrasekar, Bangalore

CHANGE OF NAME
I, SHAILAJA, spouse of JC-414524A Nb Sub(Clk) Khawale Chandrashekhar Dhanurdhar resident of VPO-Taramumbari, Teh-Devgad, Dist-Sindhudurg (Maharashtra)-416613 has changed my Name from SHAILAJA to SHAILAJA CHANDRASHEKHAR KHAWALE vide affidavit dated 16/9/2022 before Advocate & Notary G.B.Turamani (Bengaluru).

CHANGE OF NAME
I, **SYEDA ZEBA MASOODI** W/o **Mohammed Parvez Shilledar,** R/at Opp. Bismilla Hotel, OT Road, Azad Nagar, Shivamogga - 577201 now at Bengaluru have changed my Minor Daughter's Name From **IBRA SHILLEDAR PARVEJ** To **IBRA PARVEZ SHILLEDAR** vide affidavit dated: 8/9/2022 Before Notary **Meer Hassan** Bangalore.

NAME CONFIRMATION
I, NANDINI L VIRAKTAMATH aged 50 years, R/@ No. 41, Sarvasri Nilaya, Basavasamithi layout, Thindlu Road, Vidyaranyapura Bangalore-97.
I declare that my birth name UMADEVI C HIREMATH, has been changed to NANDINI L VIRAKTAMATH after my Marriage. I will be continuing my name as **NANDINI L VIRAKTAMATH** in all my future correspondence. Also, I shall declare that the name absolutely belongs to me only, vide affidavit Dt.17.09.2022 sworn before Notary K.C. Pemmaiah, Bangalore.

CHANGE OF NAME
I, **MOHANDAS G RAO K,** aged about 29 years, S/o Gurumurthy Rao, R/at No. 49, 2nd Main Road, Prashanth Nagar, Bangalore-560079, do hereby declare that I have changed my name from **MOHANDAS G RAO, MOHANDAS GURUMURTHY RAO, GURUMURTHY RAO KARKALA MOHANDAS** to **MOHANDAS G RAO K,** henceforth I shall be known and called as **MOHANDAS G RAO K** only, vide affidavit dated 16-09-2022, sworn before Advocate and Notary **S. SAMUEL SOLOMON** at Bangalore.

CHANGE OF NAME
I, **HARSHINI GOULI,** aged about 19 years, D/o. Vidya Gouli S, R/at No.Savi Nilaya, 5th Cross, Basaveshwara Badavane, Siddaruda Nagar, Bhadravathi, Shimoga - 577301.
I have Changed my name from **"HARSHINI GOULI ADUGODI GIRISH"** To **"HARSHINI GOULI"** Vide Affidavit Date:16/09/2022 sworn to before **S.Vijaykumar** Notary at Bangalore.

AFFIDAVIT
I, Fathima Thabassum, C/o. Hussain Khan, and Aged- 44 years, residing at No. 1050, 1st floor, 16th Main, 17th Cross, BTM 2nd Stage, Bangalore - 560076. I Declare that my name written in passport is FATHIMA instead of FATHIMA THABASSUM, I have declare this as per affidavit dated on: 16.09.2022 sown to before advocate and Notary C N Balasubramanyam, Bangalore

CHANGE OF NAME
I, SERVICE NO 15321512L HAV M. RAMESH of unit: BHQ TRG BN-III, MEG & CENTRE, BANGALORE 560042, Have Changed My Daughter Name **(OLD NAME) OMYSHA** to **(NEW NAME) R. OMYSHA** Vide Affidavit Dated 16.09.2022 Sworn Before Notary MEER HASSAN BANGALORE.

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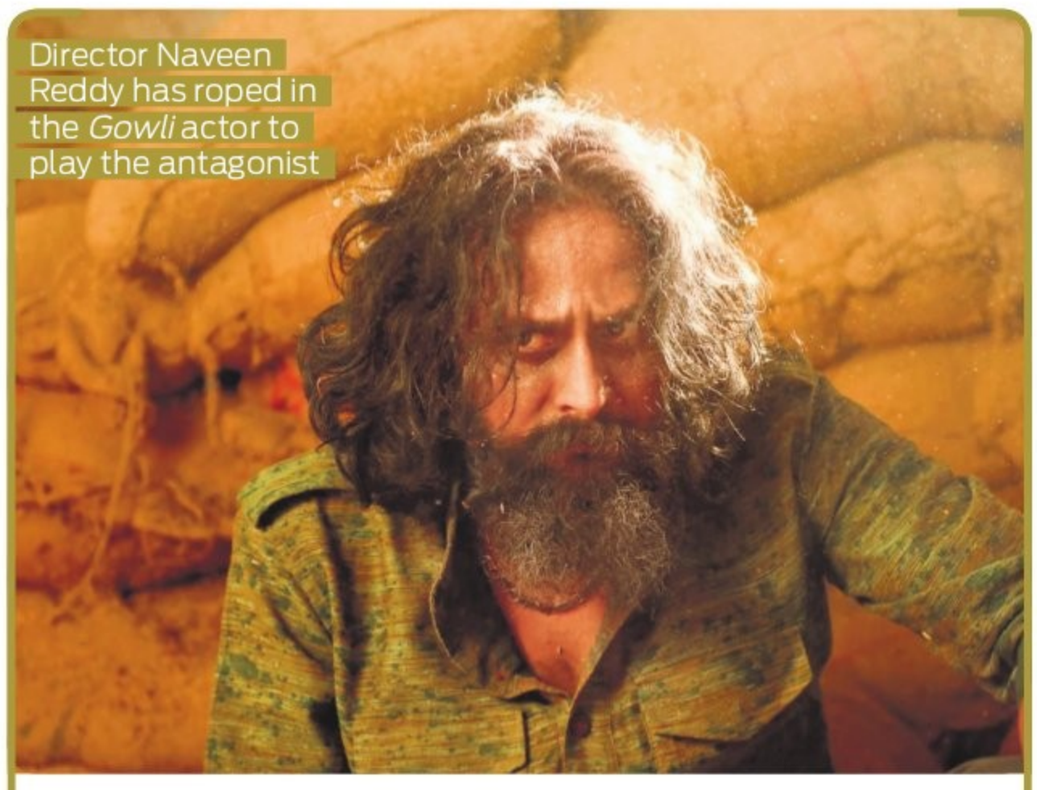

Director Naveen Reddy has roped in the *Gowli* actor to play the antagonist

SRINAGAR KITTY TO FACE OFF WITH VINOD PRABHAKAR IN *MAADEVA*

A SHARADHAA

SRINAGAR Kitty, who has proved his mettle in a variety of roles, is set to be the antagonist in Naveen Reddy's *Maadeva*. He will be pitted against actor Vinod Prabhakar.

With fifty per cent of the shooting already completed, Kitty is the latest actor to join the sets, and the team shared with us the first few stills of the actor.

Billed to be an inspirational story set across different timelines of 1965, 1980, and 1999, *Maadeva* will have Vinod Prabhakar appearing in a never-before-seen role.

Maadeva also marks the reunion of the *Roberrt* pair of Vinod and Sonal Monteiro. The film, which is produced by R Keshav (Devasandra), and co produced by Sumanth under the banner Radhakrishna Pictures, also features Shruti, Achyuth Kumar, and Suddhi in pivotal roles.

Vinod Prabhakar

The film has Balakrishna Thota, an erstwhile assistant of *Baahubali* DOP Senthil Kumar, handling the cinematography, and music by Praddyottan. The makers will be shooting the film in parts of Bengaluru, Shivamogga, Dharwad, and Hyderabad.

Diganth and Nidhi Subaiah team up after 12 years for *Edagaiye Apaghatakke Karana*

CE FEATURES

DIGANTH and Nidhi Subaiah, the popular on-screen pair of Yogaraj Bhat's *Pancharangi* (2010) are back together on the silver screen after a decade. The duo will be sharing screen space in Samarth B Kadkol's directorial, *Edagaiye Apaghatakke Karana*. The film that revolves around the problems of southpaws stars Dignath as the hero and Dhanu Harsha as the heroine, while Nidhi will be playing a prominent character in the film.

Nidhi has joined the current schedule and has begun shooting her portions. The film is currently on floors and the current schedule will go on till October 7. *Edagaiya Apaghatakke Karana* is jointly produced by Gurudatha Ganiga and director Samarth Kadkol, and has cinematography by Abhimanyu Sadanand.

The *Anna Bond, Krishna Marriage Story* actor also made her stint in Bollywood with *Ajab Gazabb Love*. She made her small screen debut with the reality show, *Bigg Boss Season 8* and was last seen in Shivarajkumar's Ayushman Bhavan directed by P Vasu.

Edagaiya Apaghatakke Karana has cinematography by Abhimanyu Sadanand.

Diganth and Nidhi Subbaiah

KABZAA teaser sparks huge expectations

The multilingual film directed by R Chandru and headlined by Realstar Upendra has crossed millions of views within 24 hours of its release

CE FEATURES

SEEMS like the 3 years of hardship that has gone into the making of *Kabzaa* has finally paid off. The teaser of the much-anticipated multilingual film, starring Upendra in the lead, and directed by R Chandru, has garnered a huge response across languages. It is said to have crossed over 12.5 million views within 24 hours of its release.

The big-budget period gangster drama stars Upendra as an underworld don, and features Sudeep in the pivotal role of *Bhargav Bakshi*. The film also stars Shriya Saran as the heroine.

The teaser takes us to the pre-independence period (1942) and traces a person's life that starts off humbly but culminates into the life of a underworld don. The quality of technicians involved in the project is clear in the teaser. From Sivakumar's artwork and AJ Shetty's cinematography to Ravi Basrur's background score, many areas have been appreciated after the release of the teaser.

Kabzaa might hit the theatres this December, and is expected to be out in nine languages. The filming of one song is yet to happen, and the makers have simultaneously started the post-production work on *Kabzaa*.

'Kannada films have come to the forefront in such a beautiful way'

Rana Daggubati, who launched the teaser, spoke at length about the stardom of the actors involved in *Kabzaa*. Expressing his adulation for Chandru's craft and Ravi Basrur's music, Rana also shared that he has been a fan of Upendra's work. "We talk about Pan India films today, but even in the 90s, I was watching the dubbed version of Upendra's films. It is such a huge honour to be sitting next to him today," said Rana. Lauding director Chandru's effort, Rana also shared his thoughts about Sandalwood and Indian cinema. "Kannada films have come to its forefront in such a beautiful way, and there will be many films that will take the country by storm. *Kabzaa* will definitely be one such film," said Rana. "10 years ago there was a dream that Indian cinema will be one, and south Indian cinema will move without borders, and today it has come to reality. We have to show our potential and be the biggest film nation in the world," said Rana, who also shared his connect with the city. "Right from school to college, Bengaluru, where my sister lives, was the cool city to party, and to meet fun people. It continues to be the same for me," said Rana, adding, "From now, every time I enter the city, I want *Kabzaa* to be the one word on everyone's lips."

Rana Daggupati

Shriya Sharan

At the teaser launch of *Kabzaa*

'I'm glad to be part of Chandru's vision'

Shriya Saran, who is back to working in films, thanked Chandru for considering her to play the role. "I saw so much emotion when he narrated the script. He is one of the most hard-working directors I have worked with, and I'm glad to be part of his vision," saidthe actor. Talking about her experience working alongside Upendra, Shriya said, "The first time I was working with Upendra I had to remind myself that I was working with a superstar because he is a very simple person and extremely down-to-earth. I'm grateful to be part of a film that has so many amazing people. It feels like a dream."

Magic Mike's Last Dance gets a theatrical release date

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THE latest addition to the Magic Mike series titled Magic Mike's Last Dance is all set to release on 10 February 2023. Channing Tatum plays exotic dancer/performer Magic Mike in the film series created by director Steven Soderbergh. The film is loosely based on Tatum's real-life experience of working as a stripper in Florida.

Magic Mike's Last Dance was initially planned to release directly on HBO's streaming site HBO Max. It has now been confirmed to hit theatres next year. The move comes after David Zaslav was recently made the CEO of Warner Bros. According to reports, Zaslav had made the move to give the film a proper silver screen send-off to the beloved franchise.

It was previously announced that Westworld actor Thandie Newton had left the project due to personal reasons. It was recently confirmed that Salma Hayek is roped in to do Newton's role in the film. According to Channing Tatum, the film will not be a "traditional love story." According to the official synopsis, the film will follow Hayek's character getting stuck in an awful strip show, eventually leading her down a rabbit hole of discoveries.

A still from *Tribble Riding*

Yatta Yatta from *Tribble Riding* has caught up among listeners

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THE first song from Ganesh-starrer *Tribble Riding* is out. Titled *Yatta Yatta*, the song features the Golden star along with the three female leads — Megha Shetty, Aditi Prabhudeva, and Rachana Inder.

Sung by rapper Chandan Shetty and Mangli, the Sai Karthik composition has been receiving widespread appreciation. Penned by Chandan Shetty, one of the highlights of this video is definitely the artwork by Seenu.

The maiden production venture of Ram Gopal, *Tribble Riding*, directed by Mahesh Gowda, is billed to be an out-and-out comedy entertainer that also stars Sadhu Kokila, Rangayana Raghu, Ravi Shankar Gowda, Kuri Pratap, Umesh and Dingri Nagaraj in pivotal roles.

Tribble Riding is currently in the post-production phase, and the makers are looking at a release date later this year.